

Ponting judge tells jury Belgrano leak was against interests of state

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Clive Ponting could have sent papers on the sinking of the General Belgrano to an MP only if he were acting in his official capacity in the interests of the state. Mr Justice McCowan told the jury trying the civil servant at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. He added that "in the interests of the state" meant the policies of the government of the day.

Mr Ponting, aged 35, an assistant secretary at the Ministry of Defence, is charged with a breach of section two of the Official Secrets Act, 1911.

On the tenth day of his trial the judge gave the jury directions on legal points arising from the charge as he started his summing up.

He told the jury the defence accepted that Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, was not an authorized recipient of the information under the meaning of the Act.

That meant, the judge said, that the jury was left "with one ingredient in dispute. The

prosecution have got to prove that Mr Dalyell was not a person to whom it was in the interests of the State his duty to communicate the information.

The judge directed the jury that duty meant official duty. That was the duty imposed on Mr Ponting by his position.

As far as the words in the interests of the state, the judge said, "I direct you that these words mean the policies of the state as they were in July, 1982... and not the policies of the state as Mr Ponting, Mr Dalyell, you or I might think they ought to have been." He added: "The policies of the state mean the policies laid down by those recognized organs of government and authority."

From time to time general elections were held and after those elections the party with the majority in the Commons formed the Government. And, said the judge, "while it has that support, the Government and its policies are for the time being the policies of the state."

"The Government policy, rightly or wrongly, was to give no further information on the Belgrano. But Mr Ponting had said this was government policy but I do not like it."

The jury was directed not to consider the question of whether they agreed with the policies of the Government nor were they to consider whether Mr Ponting honestly believed when he leaked the documents that it was his duty to do so. Any motive was a matter for mitigation.

The Act did not restrict the type of information that should not be passed and it was not for the court to decide whether the Act needed to be replaced.

The judge said: "This case is not a political contest. Put your political allegiances or prejudices to one side."

The jury should avoid questions of sympathy for Mr Ponting or his previous good character. That too was a matter for mitigation.

The trial continues on Monday.



Dog tired: An owner catching up on his sleep next to a pointer, one of 11,141 entries on the first day of Cruft's Dog Show at Earls Court, London. The show lasts for three days and the supreme champion will be announced tomorrow (Photograph: Jonathan Player).

Mother to sue over son's lost schooling

A Scottish mother whose son's education has been disrupted by the industrial action being taken by teachers is resorting to legal action in an attempt to force Strathclyde to provide proper schooling.

Her case, which could result in a test case in the Court of Session and set an example for English and Welsh parents, concerns the cancellation of classes at Marr College in Troon, where her son is in his fifth year.

The school, which has 1,700 pupils, is one of six secondary schools in the Ayr division of Strathclyde affected by strikes in pursuit of an independent pay review. On Thursday, 809 pupils at Marr College were told not to go to lessons because 53 of the 90 teachers were on strike.

The Ayrshire mother, who does not wish to be named at this stage, is asking Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, to find the Labour-controlled authority in default of its statutory obligations.

That is the first step in her legal action and she is represented by Mr Norman MacEwan, a lawyer and executive member of the Scottish Council for Civil Liberties.

Strathclyde refused to comment on the facts of the case because it might be the subject of legal action, but a spokesman said that the region was facing the worst of the teachers' action. "Headteachers are facing a horrendous task in attempting to firm classes and educate children in these very difficult times."

Scotland is much worse affected by teachers' action than England and Wales. All three Scottish teachers' unions are taking strike action, and the Education Institute of Scotland, the biggest union, has ordered strikes on three days every week in primary and secondary schools in the constituencies of five ministers.

Marr College is affected because it is in Mr Younger's constituency. Other schools affected in Ayr are Mainholme Academy, which told 641 out of 971 pupils not to attend Thursday, and Tyle Acaeder which told 335 pupils to stay home.

Action taken by the National Union of Teachers in England and Wales yesterday began have more serious effects.

Pupils were excluded from school in nine authorities according to the National Union of Teachers. They included Durham, North Yorkshire, Essex, Su Oldham, Bolton, Manchester and Selby in Yorkshire.

'Help find girl' plea by judge

A High Court judge and Interpol intervened yesterday in the search for a former Cardiff man who is accused of taking his daughter, aged five, illegally from her home in West Germany.

Nina Vanessa Roessen was taken from Duisburg last month by Mr Michael Sean Gulliford when he visited Mrs Ulrike Helga Roessen, the woman he used to live with.

In Cardiff yesterday, Sir John Arnold, president of the Family Division of the High Court, asked for publicity in the hope of tracking down Mr Gulliford.

Sir John appealed to the public throughout the United Kingdom, and particularly in the Sheffield and London areas, to look for the child.

He said that Mr Gulliford, who has been in Germany for the past 20 years, removed the child from her home in Duisburg on January 5 without consultation with her mother and had since been seen in this country.

"The court has decided that it is in the interests of the child to be restored to her mother. If anyone becomes aware of her whereabouts the matter should be reported to the police or the court."

Mr Gulliford, aged 46, is described as 6ft 1in tall and of medium build. Police officers believe he must be short of money and, with a little girl who speaks only German, fairly conspicuous.

Roman kiln

The remains of a Roman kiln from the third and fourth centuries have been unearthed during work on the Nene Valley railway at Wansford.

The kiln, which is believed to have been used for firing pottery, was discovered by workers on the Nene Valley railway at Wansford.

Boy assaulted by vicar

The Bishop of Lincoln, the Right Rev Simon Phipps, told Glimpsy Crown Court yesterday that a vicar who admitted indecently assaulting a boy aged 15 would eventually be given another parish.

He said that Mark Brydges Kiddle, aged 50, former Vicar of Kirton in Lindsey, Humberside, had been "an extremely diligent, imaginative and energetic priest".

Kiddle, now of Church Cottage, Spital, near Lincoln, was given a 15-month suspended prison sentence after admitting indecent assault and gross indecency with the boy.

Third firm halves price of computer

Commodore, the American home-computer manufacturer, has become third company in as many weeks to reduce its prices, halving price of its latest machine.

The Commodore Plus 4, launched last autumn and made in Corby, Northamptonshire, for Britain and Europe, will now sell for £150. According to the manufacturer: "At £150 we are offering the public a really powerful and versatile computer at a price which until now has only applied to machines designed for first-time buyers."

Sinclair started the high street price war when it reduced the price of its Spectrum + by £50 to £130. Acorn, the manufacturer of the BBC Microcomputer and Electron responded within days. It offered a £50 trade-in on any computer against the purchase of a BBC Microcomputer and took £70 off the price of the Electron to match the price of the Sinclair machine.

The price war indicates that the home computer market is saturated. Two weeks ago Commodore announced that it was making 114 of its staff at Corby redundant.

Inquiry call as killer rapist gets life

James Pollard was jailed for life yesterday for the rape and murder of Miss Zoe Wade whom he had raped two years earlier.

Pollard, aged 26, tracked down Miss Wade, aged 42, described as a quiet, timid and nervous lady while he was on parole for raping her in 1982.

Sentencing him to life in prison for murder, Mr Justice Simon Brown at Leeds Crown Court recommended that he serve at least 20 years. Pollard was also jailed for 10 years for rape, the sentence to run concurrently.

The judge told him: "At 26 you are young, strong but dangerous. In my view you will remain dangerous for many years to come. Society, whose trust in releasing you on licence you so dreadfully abused, needs to be protected from you."

Pollard stared without emotion as he was sentenced.

Last night the probation service denied that it was blame for any aspect of Pollard's crime. The trial heard how Pollard left Miss Wade

MP wants independent law complaints body

A statutory, independent body which would take over the Law Society's powers to deal with complaints against solicitors is proposed in a private member's Bill with wide support among the consumer lobby to be introduced in the Commons next week.

Under the Bill, promoted by Mr Alfred Dubs, Labour MP for Battersea, a general legal council, similar to the disciplinary bodies of other professions, would be created.

It has the backing of the Legal Action Group, the National Consumer Council and the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux. The association believes that legal "should be taken to establish a body independent of the solicitors' own professional association to handle disputes between solicitors and their clients."

Mr Richard Thomas, the National Consumer Council's legal officer, said that the Law Society had a "potentially conflicting function".

Mr Dubs says he is promoting the Bill because of a conflicting role in the Law Society's function. It is both a professional association dedicated to its members' interests and a body that investigates complaints against them.

Solicitors, he says, should be able to look to the society for their defence and the protection of their interests, and consumers should have an independent body

Farmer had affairs, trial told

Graham Backhouse, accused of attempting to murder his wife with a home-made booby trap car bomb, had affairs with two women in the month before the attempt on her life. Bristol Crown Court was told.

He admitted having sexual relations with a young shepherdess and the wife of a close friend during that time, according to his alleged statement made to the police and read in court.

The jury also told that Mr Backhouse admitted "a number of extramarital affairs."

Mr Backhouse, who is 44 today, denies the attempted murder of his wife Margaret, aged 37, at their home Widdin Hill Farm in the Cotswolds village of Horton.

The Crown also says that when he realized that he was suspected of the bombing Mr Backhouse chose his near neighbour, Mr Colyn Bedale-Taylor, of The Gatehouse, Horton, as a scapegoat. He was found dead from two shotgun wounds at the farmhouse on April 30, last year.

Mr Backhouse denies murdering Mr Bedale-Taylor claiming that he shot him in self defence.

Rapist was trapped by footprints

A barefoot rapist was trapped because of his footprints, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Detectives were able to identify Gerald Cattouse, aged 20, as the attacker of a woman aged 32 through the impressions made by his feet on an piece of wrapping paper and an envelope, according to his alleged statement made to the police and read in court.

Cattouse, unemployed, of Knoll Road, Wandsworth, south-west London slipped off his running shoes before he pushed his victim, a West End theatre costume assistant, on to her bed and tied her to it.

He wore a mask when he broke into the woman's flat, threatened her with a knife and beat her as he demanded cash and jewellery.

Cattouse was arrested three weeks later when he burgled a house in the same area and threatened a nanny with a knife while stealing £40.

He was remanded in custody for three weeks for reports after being convicted of rape, burglary and assault. He had denied all charges.

Blandford fined for speeding

Lord Blandford, son and heir of the Duke of Marlborough, was fined £50 and given three penalty points yesterday for speeding on the M40.

Charles James Spencer-Churchill, aged 29, of Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire pleaded guilty at Beaconsfield Magistrates' Court in Buckinghamshire.

NUJ editor

Mr Bernard Corbett, deputy chief sub-editor of *The Guardian*, has been elected editor of the National Union of Journalists, which polled 1,721 votes. Mr Tim Goppall polled 1,203; Mr David Turner 1,091; and Mr Steven Paterson 892.

Tanker train crew ran for their lives

The crew of a tanker train which caught fire in the Summit tunnel under the Pennines, described to a public inquiry yesterday, their mile run in the dark to raise the alarm.

They were expecting the derailed train, carrying four-star petrol, to explode at any moment, but escaped unhurt.

The train's driver, Mr Stanley Marshall, aged 50, told the inquiry sitting in Manchester: "If Seb Coe can do the mile in four minutes, I could beat it. I told the missus 'Coe had nothing on me'."

Although the train did not blow up, it burned for two days last December. The Victorian rail tunnel, on the Manchester to Bradford line, is still closed as a result of the damage, until at least the end of May.

The inquiry was conducted by Mr David Sawyer, an inspecting officer of railways at the Department of Transport.

Sinclair C5 goes into top gear

Four weeks after Sir Clive Sinclair launched the C5, his open-top, three-wheel, single-seat "trike", 5,000 are on the roads, the company said yesterday.

The figure was described by Mr Barrie Wills, the company's managing director, as "very encouraging". He said it demonstrated "a very broad acceptance of our revolutionary new product".

By popular demand electricity showrooms are extending their display of the C5 until the end of March, Mr Wills said. There are plans to start direct selling throughout the country by late spring and production at Sinclair's Merthyr Tydfil factory is expected to exceed 200,000 a year from next year.

But the response to the C5 from some of those who invested in the car in the first days of its launch has been a mix of enthusiasm and disappointment for its design and performance.

Mr Roger Wilding, aged 48, a Leicestershire businessman, summed up the high hopes of many who bought the C5 on the promise that it was "a revolution in personal transport."

"Most of us hope that electric vehicles will take over one day because they are cheaper, quieter and pollution-free. Sinclair seemed to be taking a big step towards achieving this and I felt it was important to support him."

"However, I thought the C5 would be more sophisticated and, although the design is very clever and it performs surprisingly well, the technology is not very innovative. I'm a little disappointed and am thinking of selling."

Mr Peter Frost, aged 39, an art editor from Richmondworth, Hertfordshire bought his C5 as an alternative to a 10-speed bicycle: "It's not very fast and very limited in range. It is rather uncomfortable after a mile or so and a bit too low."



Lesley Heath-Weston, receptionist with Temeside Self-Drive, which hires out Sinclair C5 "trikes" at £4 a day, watching a customer drive away from the Cheltenham depot (Photograph Bill Warhurst).

For Mr Dick German, aged 64, who is disabled, his dream of being able to get out and about again at last came to an abrupt end when he tried to tackle a steep hill outside his home at Harberton, near Totnes in Devon.

"I was very excited when it arrived, but the first time I tried it out it just would not go up a hill and I had to come home. I then got my stepson to have a go and he didn't get much further, so I have sent it back," Mr German said.

Mr Bill Nichols, press officer for Sinclair, said there have been several other instances of C5 being returned for the same reason, and he promised Mr German a full refund.

He said: "There is mention of this in the literature but it may need a little clarification."

Times stamps top sellers

The Times Bicentenary stamp book has proved a best seller at post offices. Preliminary returns from philatelic counters show that in the first seven days that the book was on sale the Post Office sold more of *The Times* books than it would normally expect to sell in a month of such a special offer.

The book sells at £5, the face value of the stamps it contains. It is designed by the newspaper's head of design, David Driver, and has a text by the literary editor, Philip Howard,

describing the paper's 200-year history.

A survey of most of the Post Office's philatelic counters, showed that sales of the book throughout the country after it had been on sale only seven days were already two thirds more than the sales of the previous special stamp book, *Christian Heritage*, in London. *The Times* book's sales were double its predecessor's.

The Times book will continue to be on sale at post offices for another five months.

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Prince supports public choice in improving town architecture

By Charles Knevit, Architecture Correspondent

The Prince of Wales is expected to call for institutional funding of community architecture projects in a key speech on urban regeneration to be given at the Institute of Directors in two weeks' time.

He is also likely to suggest the relaxation of bureaucratic controls to give ordinary people a chance to improve their homes and environment through self-help and build-it-yourself initiatives.

The prince visited two award-winning schemes in Black Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire, yesterday where residents improved their own homes in two general improvement areas. He was shown the projects by Mr Rod Hackney, the architect.

In his speech to the Royal Institute of British Architects at Hampton Court Palace last May, the Prince praised community architecture for "enabling the client community to be involved in the detailed process of design". He added: "It has shown 'ordinary' people that their views are worth having".

The Prince believes that banks, building societies, pension funds and insurance institutions should back such schemes and make up any deficit in money available from

the Government through local authority home grants.

Mr Hackney, who has pioneered community architecture in Britain through his work in Macclesfield and elsewhere, said: "The Prince told me we ought to do a lot more to allow community architecture to blossom. He suggested that that might be done by releasing institutional funds, relaxing bureaucratic controls and giving people a chance to help themselves in improving their environment."

He said he thought the Prince would champion the cause of community architecture as a means of creating employment and by "breaking the cycle of dependence" on councils and the Government.

It is thought that the Prince favours the setting-up of a royal commission on urban regeneration.

The Greater London Council is to host a conference on Taylor Woodrow-Anglian system tower blocks on February 21. About 250 delegates are expected from local authorities which own the blocks of similar design to that used at the 22-storey Ronan Point in east London, where a gas blast in 1968 caused a collapse, killing five people.

Council pay penalty on registrars quashed

Superintendent registrars of births, marriages and deaths who took industrial action by refusing to perform Saturday marriage ceremonies should not have their salaries cut, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday in a test appeal.

The decision affects registrars all over the country who were involved in a Nalco dispute over pay grading from August 1981 to October 1982.

The court allowed an appeal by Mr Henry Miles, a superintendent registrar, who had unsuccessfully sued Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, West Yorkshire, in the High Court for the return of £774 which, he claimed, the council had no right to stop from his pay because he was a servant of the Crown, not a council employee.

The council was refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords. The court was told that Mr Miles was appointed to his post at Wakefield in 1974 and was regarded by the council as exemplary.

Trial date set

The trial of Paul Brown, aged 30, of Tierney Road, Streatham, south London, charged with the murder of his daughter, Louise, aged 16 days, who had Down's Syndrome, will begin at the Central Criminal Court on March 11.



Mercy dash: The coxswain, Mr Dennis Finch (second from left), and his crew in a sprint to their lifeboat at Walton on the Naze, Essex. The lifeboatmen have been given old bicycles to speed the launch time (Photograph: Jonathan Player).

'Tightest' security for Tory conference

The tightest conference security in mainland Britain went into operation last night as Bournemouth prepared to play host to the Prime Minister.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is expected to address the weekend's Young Conservative conference at the Winter Gardens just after midday today and leave immediately afterwards.

Mr Brian Weight, Chief Constable of Dorset, would release no details of the security

arrangements, which have been planned since the bombing of the Grand Hotel at Brighton last October.

Mr Weight said: "There will probably be greater security this time than ever before for a conference in England, Scotland and Wales. The Sussex bombing has brought a new dimension to security at conferences, but I am as sure as I can be that every precaution has been taken, compatible with the importance of this event."

Other members of the Government attending include Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, Mr John Gummer, Conservative Party chairman, and Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Local Government. Most of them are also expected to leave after speaking at the conference.

The Highcliff Hotel, where most of the delegates are staying, is also the subject of intensive security.

Thatcher tells Nicaragua of concern over arms build-up

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mrs Margaret Thatcher underlined British concern over the build-up of arms in Nicaragua when she met Vice-President Sergio Ramirez at Downing Street yesterday.

During an hour-long exchange, held at Dr Ramirez's request, she also complained of Nicaraguan support for attempts to destabilize democratic governments elsewhere in Central America.

The Prime Minister made clear that future relations between the two governments would be determined by progress in Managua towards establishing a genuine democracy, the scaling down of armaments, troops and military advisers and the ending of Nicaragua's support for subversion in the region.

Dr Ramirez is understood to have repeated his request, also made earlier this week to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary for Britain to persuade the United States to resume negotiations with Nicaragua over their outstanding differences.

Mrs Thatcher replied by emphasizing British support for the Contadora peace process, launched by Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico and Panama.

She also emphasized the importance of establishing a proper procedure for the implementation and verification of any agreement.

She said that Britain was fully behind any movement to follow the results of last year's meeting in San Jose between the EEC foreign ministers and those of the regional states.

Dr Ramirez now goes on to Dublin for talks with the Government of the Irish Republic.

While there, he is expected to repeat his call for West European support for a negotiated solution to the conflict which has divided Central America, on the basis of the draft agreement drawn up by the Contadora powers.

British relations with Managua improved with the re-appointment of a chargé d'affaires there last year — and simultaneously in El Salvador — following a strong recommendation by the Commons foreign affairs committee.

Mrs Thatcher's Government has argued that Britain, the EEC and the United States are all chasing the same fundamental objective and that differences over tactics are all that divide them.

But it has, within that context, maintained a stance independent from that of President Reagan, condemning the mining of Nicaraguan ports and calling for restraint over claims that Russian MiG aircraft were being shipped there.

Man in the news

Writer who lent himself to the revolution

By Colin Harding

Not many novelists get to be Vice-President of the Republic, even in Latin America where there is a tradition of political involvement by writers. Dr Sergio Ramirez, who was elected as Commander Daniel Ortega's running mate on the Sandinista ticket in November's elections in Nicaragua, is an unusual kind of politician. He has been a revolutionary for more than 20 years, but has never taken up arms, preferring organizational, administrative and propaganda work.



Dr Ramirez: Trying to reopen talks with US.

Yesterday he saw Mrs Margaret Thatcher to try to persuade her to use her influence with the Americans to bring them back to the negotiations with the Sandinistas that broke down last month. But in an interview with *The Times* this week in London he said he was also looking forward to taking off his jacket and getting together with the publishers of the first of his dozen or so books to be translated into English. Under the title *To bury our fathers*, his novel of Nicaraguan life first published in Caracas in 1977, came out in London a few weeks ago.

Dr Ramirez, aged 43, who was given a standing ovation at the Oxford Union on Thursday night, said: "I haven't resigned myself to being an ex-writer who is now a politician, even though I have not managed to write much in the last 10 years. I feel that I am a writer who has lent himself to politics, because there are things that need to be done."

Unlike the widely-admired poet Ernesto Cardenal, a Trappist monk who is also Nicaraguan Minister of Culture, Sergio Ramirez does not long to get away from public life. Instead, he is trying to prove that politics and writing can mix. There is a book of short stories in preparation.

Political stories? "No, I don't like overtly political literature. I need to let experiences mature with time before I can get them down on paper. I'm writing about my time in Berlin in the mid-1970s, for example, not about today."

To bury our fathers was written in Germany, where Dr Ramirez spent two years on a writer-in-residence scholarship. He could have stayed, but decided to return to Central America in 1975, and became involved in the Sandinistas' struggle to overthrow the Somoza family dictatorship.

which had dominated Nicaragua since the 1930s.

The Sandinistas had taken to the hills and jungles to fight the dictatorship in 1963, but Sergio Ramirez did not. He came from a lower-middle-class family in the small provincial town of Masatepe, near Masaya; his parents, a farmer and a teacher, were *Somocistas*. The break with his upbringing was harsh.

Sergio Ramirez spent several years as a university administrator in Costa Rica, becoming secretary-general of the Council of Central American Universities, founder of a respected academic publishing house and an established writer. His first collection of short stories was published in Guatemala in 1967, and he won a prize given by a Venezuelan magazine for another volume in 1971.

After the Berlin interlude he worked for the Sandinistas all over Central America, and helped to publicize the atrocities of the Somoza regime. By 1977 the Sandinista military commanders had been forced to the conclusion that they were too small and isolated to have any chance of toppling the firmly entrenched dictator.

He brought together a group known as The Twelve (Los Doce), consisting of prominent businessmen, lawyers, teachers and priests which was designed to take over as a ready-made provisional government once the final insurrection had begun. The strategy worked when Sergio Ramirez arrived in Nicaragua in July 1978 at the head of The Twelve, people poured on to the streets in their thousands to meet them. By July, Somoza had departed.

He has been a senior member of the Government ever since. As Vice-President he has overall responsibility for education and infrastructure, and is also a member of the national planning council.

Supreme Court deals Duarte pre-poll blow

San Salvador (Reuters) — El Salvador's Supreme Court dealt a political blow to President Duarte, ruling that his partial veto of an electoral law was against the constitution.

The decision ended nearly two months of conflict between Señor Duarte and the National Assembly, which is controlled by right-wingers. The court ruled that the constitution only gave the President the right to veto a draft law in its entirety and not give him a elective veto.

Several legal experts and western diplomats in San Salvador said the ruling strengthened the right and discredited President Duarte and his moderate Christian Democrat Party in the run-up to a general election set for March 31.

Australia stops pay of protesting public servants

Melbourne — The Federal Australian Government yesterday started to stand down without pay public servants who are refusing to lift bans on revenue collection. (Tony Duboulin writes).

The bans were imposed three weeks ago after the failure of a claim by three public service unions for an 8.3 per cent wage claim.

The Public Service Board says that at least \$A100 million has not been transferred from the taxation and customs departments to the Reserve Bank. A further \$A1,000 million worth of debit notices have not been issued by the Taxation Department.

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The crisis in Anzus

Lange rejects Reagan's plea

Wellington (Reuters) - The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange yesterday welcomed signs of a thaw in the row over nuclear ships among members of the Anzus defence pact but ignored a call by President Reagan and the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, for Wellington to reverse its ban on granting dock facilities for the US destroyer Buchanan.

Mr Lange said the statement, following talks between President Reagan and Mr Hawke in Washington, showed that the alliance remained in very good shape. "It surely gives the lie to claims that Anzus is finished", he said.

He said it was clearly in the interests of the three Anzus partners to continue working closely together on defence matters, including naval cooperation. "We are reassured that our partners see it that way too".

Mr Lange did not refer to President Reagan's "deepest hope that New Zealand will restore the traditional cooperation that has existed between our countries", remarks seen here as a plea for New Zealand to withdraw its ban on nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed warships.

Mr Lange's office referred journalists to the Prime Minister's policy statement, repeated in recent weeks, which said: "There will be no nuclear-armed ships in New Zealand waters while this Government is in office".

Mr Hawke said in Washington that US and Australian warships were arranging their own naval exercise in place of the Anzus Sea Eagle manoeuvres cancelled this week because of the ban.



In accord: Mr Hawke with President Reagan after their talks in Washington.

His remarks were made after talks and lunch at the White House on Thursday with Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister. Despite tensions with Australia and New Zealand over the nuclear issue, Mr Reagan insisted that the

Anzus alliance was in no danger of collapse.

● LONDON: At a Press conference in London yesterday, Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Secretary of Defence, said that New Zealand's attitude could weaken the Anzus alliance (Rodney Cowton writes).

Mr Weinberger said the Anzus treaty was very important and the US did not believe it should be undermined.

when he returns from the United States next week (Tony Duboudin writes).

This follows a warning from Mr Paul Keating, the treasurer, yesterday that certain members of the party should "shut-up".

Mr Keating is chairman of an all-faction sub-committee appointed to look at ways of improving relations between senior ministers and the back bench.

"The problem with some people in the Labour Party is that they have very long tongues and they want to keep advertising it," Mr Keating said.

● MELBOURNE: all factions in the Labour Party look set to close ranks around Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, over the MX missile testing row

Brazilian shipyard head kills himself

From Patrick Knight Sao Paulo

A government investigation into the disputed debts of \$600 million, allegedly owed to international banks by Brazil's seven leading shipyards, has been given a dramatic new twist by the suicide of Senator Paulo Ferraz, head of the country's third biggest yard, Mpaq.

Senator Ferraz, aged 61, shot himself on Wednesday. It is said that his company has paid no interest for more than a year on debts of \$39 million, and it has been suggested that it is responsible for half the missing \$600 million.

A commission of inquiry is looking into the affairs of Brazil's shipbuilding authority, Sonamam, which is alleged to have turned a blind eye to massive irregularities over 10 years.

Brazil's shipbuilding industry was built up on the basis of a big national programme, which envisaged spending \$5 billion enlarging Brazil's fleet. However, ships often cost twice the international price.

In the early days, the programme was financed by a levy on imports, but after the country's financial crisis, that source fell away, and yards started borrowing from banks.

Pravda adds to confusion over Chernenko's health

From Richard Owen Moscow

A report that President Chernenko addressed this week's session of the Politburo, published yesterday on the front page of Pravda, has done nothing to allay mounting anxiety in Moscow over the Soviet leader's health.

Diplomats said yesterday that the report, coming after contradictory accounts of Mr Chernenko's condition, added an impression of confusion and disarray behind the Kremlin wall.

"Saying that Chernenko addressed the meeting without actually producing evidence is one step beyond printing messages in his name", one western observer said. Since Mr Chernenko was lost to public view six weeks ago the Soviet media have highlighted messages from him.

Mr Chernenko's name was mentioned only halfway through Thursday's Politburo report, in an almost casual manner, as if to suggest that his re-emergence was in no way remarkable. The announcement of his return to political life was



Mr Afanasyev: Added to the mystery

Senior Kremlin officials have said since the end of December, when Mr Chernenko disappeared, that he is ill, that he is back at work and that he is on holiday. The confusion has reached a climax in the past few days.

Only hours before Thursday's Politburo report was issued, Mr Viktor Afanasyev, the Editor of Pravda, said the Soviet leader was ill. There are persistent reports that Mr Chernenko, aged 73, who suffers from lung and heart complaints, has had a stroke and has been in intensive care.

● PARIS: A senior member of the Soviet delegation to the French Communist Party congress in Paris says that he and another delegate visited Mr Chernenko at home in Moscow on Friday. He was still not well, but was on the road to recovery (Diana Geddes writes).

The Soviet official, who asked not to be identified, believes the Soviet leader will be able to resume public life by the beginning of March, when M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Secretary, visits Moscow.

so laconic that many Moscow observers missed it. Mr Chernenko was reported to have spoken on spring sowing, noting that the campaign was "especially important this year because of preparations for the forthcoming party congress."

Despite his recurrent illness, Mr Chernenko evidently hopes to preside over the congress, which will elect a new Central Committee and adopt a new party programme under his guidance.

Cocom content with high-tech controls

From Diana Geddes Paris

The 15 western nations belonging to Cocom, the secretive co-ordination committee on strategic exports, have expressed general satisfaction with the way controls on export of sensitive technology to Soviet bloc countries have been co-ordinated.

The Cocom members met in Paris on Wednesday and Thursday to review progress since the last high-level Cocom meeting in April 1983, which called for complete revision of the list of equipment and technology which was to be banned from being exported to the Soviet bloc.

At the end of this week's

meeting Cocom said that progress made since April 1983 "was considered satisfactory both in respect of co-ordination between member states, and the updating of the lists of controlled products and technology".

Cocom comprises all Nato member states except Iceland and Spain, plus Japan.

Colombo and Delhi consult on Tamils

From Our Correspondent, Colombo

Sri Lanka's Minister of National Security, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, left for Delhi yesterday as a special envoy of President Jayawardene, for discussions with Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, on the problems of the Tamils and the security situation in the north and east, where separatist rebels are fighting for a Tamil state.

President Jayawardene yesterday directed Admiral A W H Pereira, Secretary of the Ministry of Rehabilitation, to provide relief to all Indian Tamils who have become refugees and are suffering hardship in the Mannar district in the north-west.

The directive followed discussions President Jayawardene had with Mr M S Sellsamy, general secretary of the Ceylon

Workers' Congress, which represents about a million Tamils of recent Indian origin. About 200,000 Indian Tamils emigrated to the north-west, north-east, and eastern provinces from the central hills when they were displaced by Sinhalese during the land reforms and nationalization of plantations which took place when Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike was Prime Minister from 1970 to 1977.

In recent times these people have again been displaced by the opening of new settlement schemes for Sinhalese.

President Jayawardene yesterday also gave Mr Sellsamy an assurance that he would look into the cases of Tamils of Indian origin who have been detained without trial.

Gandhi orders a big intelligence shake-up

Delhi (AFP, Reuters) - Mr Rajiv Gandhi, India's Prime Minister, has ordered a reorganisation of the country's domestic and external intelligence services and a review of all big trade deals over the past five years, following the uncovering last month of India's biggest espionage network, press reports said yesterday.

Measures were also being taken to plug loopholes in the administrative structure by improving the efficiency, loyalty and discipline of bureaucrats as well as new recruits, the Hindustan Times said.

The Prime Minister's Sec-

retariat, which controls external domestic intelligence, would neither confirm nor deny the reports.

The revamped intelligence services would function directly under the Prime Minister, while remaining attached to the respective ministries, the Hindustan Times said. The Cabinet was also considering establishing a national intelligence authority, to be chaired by the Prime Minister.

Intelligence sources also said officials had been told not to accept hospitality extended to them by private companies in India and abroad.

Zia arrests 50 in poll swoop

Islamabad (Reuters) - More than 50 politicians in Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province have been arrested in a Government sweep against election critics, opposition sources said yesterday.

Most leaders of the 11 parties in the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) which is boycotting the general elections on February 25 and the provincial polls three days later, are now in jail, the sources said.

Police have confirmed 35 arrests over the past two days and said more would follow a memorial service held by the banned Pakistan People's Party for one of its leaders assassinated in 1975.

The wave of arrests is the second since efforts to achieve a compromise between the Government and the MRD broke down last month. Leading politicians in Lahore were rounded up after an MRD summit meeting in January.

More than 200 dissidents are now in jail in Punjab, the most populous province, while the latest arrests in the North-West Frontier put the Lahore total at about 130, according to the political prisoners' release and relief committee in Lahore.

Party chiefs attempt to quell revolt

From a Correspondent Delhi

Leaders of India's ruling Congress (I) yesterday were trying to quell party rebellions that broke out in 11 states which are going to the polls early next month to elect new legislative assemblies.

India's Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has sent some of his close associates in the party to certain states, while local party leaders have been summoned from some other states in an attempt to keep the flock together before the polling.

The trouble began when party officials decided to deny tickets to about a thousand party members in the assemblies and as many as 70 serving ministers. Reports from the states indicate that many of those who have been refused tickets are quitting the party and trying to run against it in the elections.

Congress (I) is not seriously threatened, but Mr Gandhi does not want the party returned with reduced majorities.

Yesterday consultations were held on what steps the party leaders should take to meet the demands of dissidents in Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and several other states. Although Thursday was the last day for filing nominations,

Foot tries to heal rift

By a Staff Reporter

A letter from Mr Michael Foot, the former Labour leader, to Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, arrived in Delhi this week - apparently the latest Foreign Office-inspired initiative to bridge the diplomatic rift which has virtually halted trade between Britain and India for three months.

The letter comes after a series of misunderstandings which

have sprung from Indian anger at the lack of action against Sikh extremists in Britain. Meanwhile, a £100 million contract for British Aerospace to supply eight Harrier jets to the Indian navy, and an £85 million contract for Westland Helicopters have been held up.

Mr Foot's involvement began when he met Mr Gandhi in India last month.

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Refugee camp Arabs win court reprieve as Rabin takes tough line

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Three Arab residents of the squalid Dheisheh refugee camp on the outskirts of Bethlehem have secured a temporary injunction from the Israeli High Court, preventing their deportation.

The Arabs were reacting to mounting threats of harsher measures against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank.

The injunction was issued by a Jewish judge, Mr. Aaron Barak, on Thursday after the three Palestinians signed depositions stating that they feared expulsion from their homes because of recent statements by leading Israeli officials.

After the court granted the injunction against the Defence Ministry, it was reported yesterday that many West Bank residents had sought legal advice with a view to submitting similar cases if the authorities proceeded with their deportation threat.

Only hours after the court order was obtained, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister,

told the Tel Aviv newspaper *Ha'aretz*: "In reaction to further attacks in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank), I do not rule out any of the possible punishments, including expulsion, administrative detention or destruction and the selling of homes. These measures will not be taboo if there is a need to use them."

The new hard line taken by the National Unity Government - which previously boasted of its measures to improve the quality of life for the 800,000 West Bank Arabs - came in response to an upsurge of Palestinian violence. Two Jews were murdered in the occupied region this month.

Many Israeli experts believe that the latest wave of attacks, including throwing stones at vehicles and increased use of petrol bombs, is directly linked to Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon, due to be completed by February 13. This has been widely depicted by radical Arabs as an Israeli surrender.

In the past few days, the Israeli Army has noticeably hardened its policies in the West Bank. The authorities argue that the shopkeepers have withheld evidence about the attackers.

In the occupied town of Hebron, nine Arab shops and a petrol station owned by Palestinians were closed after an Israeli Army ambulance was stoned near by. The authorities argue that the shopkeepers have withheld evidence about the attackers.

Tension in the West Bank is higher than at any time since the new Government came to power.

Jewish West Bank settlers have threatened to begin vigilante action against Palestinians.

Israel believes that Palestinian violence may have been instigated by orders from Jordan.

Nato may join Star Wars research

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, yesterday emphasized his hope that scientists from friendly nations would participate in the research on the Americans' "Star Wars" project, officially known as the Strategic Defence Initiative.

He was in London to attend a seminar before going on to a meeting in Munich and visiting American forces in Europe.

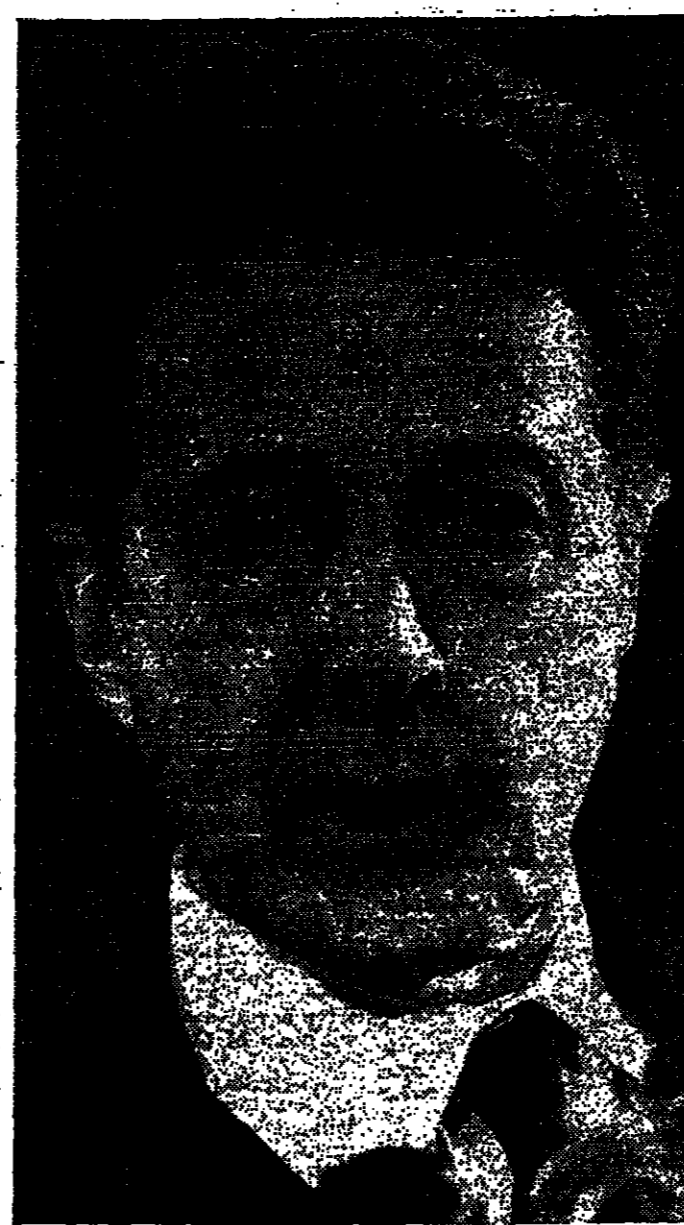
In discussions with members of Nato and with friendly powers in the Pacific, it had been made clear that the US would welcome the participation of scientists from those countries. It was a big research programme, and the US needed "all the help we can get".

The Strategic Defence Initiative was not an arms race, but a means of destroying weapons outside the atmosphere by non-nuclear means. It was a concept of enormous scope, and one which the US would realize if it could.

If the research programme proved that it was feasible, it would greatly reduce offensive nuclear weapons, and perhaps ultimately make them obsolete. It could offer the world more hope than anything since nuclear weapons were developed.

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High priority: Mr Weinberger in London yesterday, when he made the "Star Wars" offer (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Lord Carrington said such zones were neither credible nor conducive to greater security. Nato had in any case agreed on a strategy of flexible response, which ruled out nuclear-free zones for member states.

Denmark is not a weak link in the alliance, nobody I have met here wants to leave Nato, Lord Carrington concluded, "but I would hope that Denmark would do more and seek to adopt a more consistent approach to defence policy."

Talking of unity and peace in Sidon

From Robert Fisk

The two men at the door were very polite. There was to be a meeting of all the people of the neighbourhood, they said. At four o'clock at Omar Hariri's house. Would we come along?

Neither Ahmed nor his wife was surprised. All over Sidon nowadays, Muslims and Christians are meeting together, to reassure themselves that they will not kill each other when the Israelis leave.

Ahmed's house, however, is in a rather exposed location. If Sidon is torn apart when the Israelis leave, Ahmed's home is likely to be the front-line.

When we arrived at Mr Hariri's blue-shuttered apartment, there were almost 50 people in the dining room, sitting on wooden chairs round the walls, all men, middle-aged, thoughtful, smoking heavily, in their best suits.

Camille seemed a personable young man. He smiled a lot, he moved his hands as he talked, and he used the word *taawon* many times. It means "co-operation" and there was good reason why it should appeal to Camille.

For he is also the local Christian Phalangist official in the suburb of Qias, and co-operation is exactly what the Phalange are going to need from the majority Sunni here if they are not to be driven out of this part of Sidon.

"The Lebanese Army is going to come," he told the men around him. "If we are not united in our hearts in wanting them, they will fail. It would be the same if the United Nations came here."

"Look what happened to the Multinational Force and the Americans in Beirut - they left. If we are really united, the Lebanese Army could come without their guns and they would be successful."

Camille's message was not without its obvious attractions to his audience. No one had wanted the Palestinians in this area, he said, and the people had carried out their promise not to have them here.

"We have been stupid in the past," Camille continued. "We have been the stupidest people in the world - because we have destroyed our own homes."

More cigarettes were handed round, and a water jug and plastic cups of coffee. But there were some questions that deserved a few of those present. What could be done, a man in a grey shirt asked, if car bombs were left in their streets? Camille assured him that efforts would be made to prevent that.

And what, a bespectacled old man wanted to know, about hooded men he had seen on the streets? No such hooded men had appeared, Camille insisted. Not so, the old man went on. "We've seen them," Camille replied at once. "They did not belong to our organization."

Druse leader asks MPs to Lebanon

By Edward Mortimer

A British parliamentary delegation is to visit Lebanon this month at the invitation of the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) which is led by the Druse leader, Mr Walid Jumblatt.

The group, which leaves on February 17 and is organized by the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding, is expected to comprise two Conservative MPs, two Labour, and one each from the Liberals and Social Democrats. It will meet President Gemayel and the Prime Minister, Mr Rashid Karami as well as Mr Jumblatt.

Mr Tarek Chehab, the PSP vice-chairman who brought the

invitation to London, says the object is to convince British opinion that the Israeli decision to withdraw from Lebanon is "a pseudo-plan, not serious at all".

In an interview with *The Times* yesterday, Mr Chehab accused Israel of acting as an "instigator of troubles" between Lebanese factions, providing them with weapons and warning them against each other.

He said that Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, was "playing a very clever game - withdrawing from 5 per cent of the occupied territory, and then provoking massacres to show the world that they must stay in the remainder."

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Southern Africa stalemate

Americans grow irritated

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Dr Chester Crocker, met senior South African officials in Pretoria yesterday and was due to have further discussions today, amid signs of American impatience at the lack of progress towards peace in Namibia and Mozambique.

His arrival in Pretoria coincided with a meeting there of the South Africa-Mozambique joint Security Commission, which last convened on October 11, 1984. Now there is growing tension between Pretoria and Maputo.

South Africa is accused in Maputo of not exerting itself sufficiently to curb the Renamo insurgency in Mozambique, and, therefore, of failing to meet its obligations under terms of the Nkomati Accord signed last March 16.

The South Africans admit that Renamo activity has increased and agree that the insurgents must still be receiving external assistance, but insist that this is not coming from official sources here.

Pretoria also says it is doing everything it can to control pro-Renamo elements among South Africa's 700,000-strong Portuguese community, many of whom fled from Mozambique at independence.

Mengele hunt action by Israel

Jerusalem (AFP) - A special panel to co-ordinate efforts to find Josef Mengele and bring him to trial for war crimes committed at Auschwitz has been set up by the Israeli Justice Minister, Mr Moshe Nissim.

The panel includes officials from the police, and foreign affairs and justice ministries. Mr Nissim said yesterday that time was running out for those seeking to bring Mengele and other Nazi fugitives to trial. He said "The protection given by certain governments to Nazi criminals was shameful".

The United States Attorney-General has ordered an investigation into various allegations about Mengele: that he was freed by US forces in Austria, for example.

● OTTAWA: Canada has established a one-man royal commission to determine whether there are Nazi war criminals in Canada and how they can be brought to justice.

The commissioner, Mr Justice Jules Deschênes, of the Quebec Superior Court, will report by the end of this year.

Canada has been under increasing pressure from Jewish groups to track down war criminals allegedly living here. The Minister of Justice, Mr John Crosbie, acknowledged that between 30 and 40 may have slipped into the country.

● BONN: Most West Germans are tired of hearing about Germany's Nazi past, according to an opinion poll published yesterday (Reuter reports).

The Infias Research Institute said its survey showed that 54 per cent of those polled believed the past should be laid to rest. While 61 per cent of those aged between 18 and 24 wanted more information on the Nazi era, 67 per cent of those aged 65 and over said they had heard enough. Infias found.

Chess clash goes into 48th game

Moscow (Reuter) - The 48th game of the world chess championship between the holder, Anatoly Karpov, and Gary Kasparov finally started yesterday after three postponements. Kasparov, playing white, chose the Russian opening.

Due to have been played on February 1, the game was put off three times after officials ruled that the match should move from Moscow's Hall of Columns to the Hotel Sport in the city's outskirts.

Experts say the move has disturbed the concentration of the players. Karpov, aged 33, leads Kasparov, 21, by five games to two and needs one more victory to retain his title.

Sudanese risk death in protest against shortages

From Our Correspondent, Khartoum

The situation in Sudan deteriorated further this week as acute shortages of bread and petrol brought demonstrators on to the streets of the capital, despite the fact that opposition to the Government is now punishable by death.

Residents of Khartoum queue for more than four hours for bread while petrol rations have been cut to two gallons per week. The Government depot south of the capital is reported to have run out of all types of fuel including turbine oil crucial for supplying power.

The shortages are a sign of real economic collapse. International observers attribute this mainly to President Nimeiry's "Islamization" policy, which has left not only a depressed population but a treasury with hardly any revenue.

Top officials quit in Spanish scandal

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Two heads of department in the Spanish Foreign Ministry have resigned in the wake of a national scandal over alleged illegal overseas transfer of funds. It is being investigated by a Madrid magistrate.

The resignations of Señor Juan Luis Pardo, director-general of international technical co-operation at the ministry, and Señor Salvador Bermudez de Castro, head of the office of co-operation with Equatorial Guinea, the former Spanish colony, were accepted immediately by the Spanish Foreign Minister, Señor Fernando Morán.

The ministry press office has offered no explanation for the resignations, which have clearly shaken members of Spain's foreign service.

Señor Moran, himself a former diplomat, yesterday refused to comment, saying the matter was under investigation.

On Sunday an order by Señor Luis Lerga, the investigating magistrate, led to the detention in prison of Señor Francisco Palazon, a former Spanish consul-general in Geneva now living in the Swiss city as a financier. He was seized in Madrid by inspectors of the Bank of Spain's exchange control division.

A third senior diplomat, Señor Adolfo Martín Garmier, who is to retire soon as ambassador in Switzerland, yesterday denied any involvement after Spanish state television named him among those who have allegedly used a clandestine network to send an estimated 2,000 million pesetas (about £10m) abroad illegally.

The former information and tourism minister in the first Government after Franco's death said: "I do not need to get money out; the Spanish Government pays my salary here in Bern."

The resignations of the two ministry officials have been a shock to the socialist Government of Señor Felipe Gonzalez. But they cut short charges by the right-wing Opposition that the currency scandal is an engineered political revenge for the Flick affair allegedly involving the Spanish socialist party.

Señor Alfonso Guerra, the deputy prime minister, has denied that Spain's laws on capital transfer abroad are stricter than those of other European countries. "They would have to be maintained after Spain joined the EEC," he said, to protect jobs and the national economy.

● Señor Gonzalez said yesterday that he was pained by reports that high-ranking officials were allegedly involved (Reuter reports).

"I am pained over the people presumably involved, whom I respect as individuals and professionals," he said.

Señor Palazon said in a statement from Madrid's Carabanchel jail: "I fully deny having accepted pesetas for illegal export to investment funds in Switzerland."

Arabs and Brazil get own satellites

Kourou, French Guiana

(AFP, Reuter) - Ariane, the European space rocket, was due to be launched here late last night on its twelfth mission with a dual payload of communications satellites, one for the Arab League and the other for Brazil.

It was planned to release the satellites into a geo-stationary orbit about 22 minutes after lift-off (between 2322 GMT and 0015 GMT). Satellite services will be provided to all 22 members of the Arab League for the first time - throughout North Africa and the Middle East from the Gulf to the Atlantic.

● WASHINGTON: The next flight of the American space shuttle, originally scheduled for February 20, is expected to be launched on March 3, a NASA official said.

Finland returns missile debris

Helsinki (Reuter) - Finland yesterday returned the wreckage of the Soviet missile which crashed in a lake near the Soviet border on December 28.

The Foreign Ministry said the remnants were handed over at a railway station on the border. The Soviet Union, which asked for the debris to be returned, accepted the 560,300 marks (£74,000) bill for recovery costs.

Greek-UK deal on technology

Athens - Britain and Greece will exchange industrial knowledge and information on scientific and technological achievements under a five-year agreement signed here by Mr George Papanicolaou, Minister of Information Technology, and Mr George Liapis, the Greek Minister of Research and Technology (Mario Mollino writes).

Trial delayed

Athens - The trial here of Mr George Bobolias, publisher of the mass circulation daily newspaper *Ethnos*, on charges of tapping the telephone of a *New York Times* correspondent, was postponed until April 25. Mr Bobolias was flown to London after suffering a stroke.

Gas victim

Copenhagen (AP) - A 20-year-old Royal Life Guards recruit died from gas poisoning after an exercise which prompted the Defence Ministry to suspend use of smoke grenades in the Danish Armed forces. It was the second death resulting from the incident on January 7.

Drilling deep

Bonn (Reuter) - West Germany announced a DM450 million (£125 million) project to drill a nine-mile exploratory hole into the Earth's crust to gather data on seismic waves, electrical and magnetic forces, and the role of liquids in forming the crust.

Rebel arms find

Bayonne (Reuter) - French paratroopers stumbled on an arms cache belonging to Basque separatists during a night training exercise. Three men preparing to move the arms fled when the soldiers came.

Exile tries again

Paris (Reuter) - A former Solidarity activist, Seweryn Blumnszajn, who is seeking to return to Poland, applied here for a new passport to replace one cancelled earlier this week when he was turned back from Warsaw airport.

Grain order

Washington (AFP) - the Soviet Union has ordered 930,000 more tonnes of US maize, bringing Russia's total orders close to the record 15.5 million tonnes bought in the 1978-79 harvest year.

Student sit-in

Nairobi - University students staged a sit-in here for the third successive day in protest against a government order expelling three students and withdrawing the scholarships of five more.

On-board micro

A computer is to be installed in the Victory, Nelson's flagship berthed at Portsmouth, Hampshire, to store information about the vessel.

Seven poisoned

Nairobi (AP) Seven people died after eating poisoned meat put out to kill stray dogs in the Rift Valley town of Kitale.

Flats toll rises

Castellana (Reuter) - The death toll rose to 34 after a block of flats collapsed in this southern Italian town on Thursday.

Yeti captured

Peking (Reuter) - Researchers say they have captured a wild man or "yeti" and have invited scientists to examine it. The *China Daily* reported. The 3ft 7in male was caught in the mountains of Hunan Province and is living in a flat in the central city of Wuhan.

Guerrillas push back Vietnamese

Aranyaprathet, Thailand (AP) - Khmer Rouge guerrillas yesterday repulsed Vietnamese forces that were moving against their mountain strongholds in western Cambodia and claimed to have raided Cambodia's second-largest city.

Guerrillas using mortar, recoilless guns and rocket-propelled grenades, pushed back nearly two miles a Vietnamese vanguard headed for the Phnom Malai strongholds. Thai military officers said. Reports suggest that they may have killed or wounded 100 Vietnamese soldiers in strikes yesterday and Thursday. Khmer Rouge casualties were estimated at between 30 and 40.

The guerrilla counter-attack appeared to have temporarily stalled a Vietnamese attempt to trap the guerrillas against the Thai border.

As fighting intensified along the western border of Cambodia's Battambang province, guerrillas claimed to have demolished the air base in the provincial capital.



Babe in arms: A Khmer Rouge guerrilla with a small child at their camp near the Thai border.

United Nations Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuellar, ended a visit to the region, devoted to seeking a peaceful solution to Vietnam's six-year occupation of Cambodia. Señor Pérez de Cuellar said yesterday that his efforts would continue.

Indonesian Foreign Minister, Mrs Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, said that Soviet ambassadors in the six countries, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, had been summoned and asked to advise Hanoi.

THE ARTS

Television
Flawless families

The atmosphere in Families, the Thames production for Channel 4, is becoming so... The six families who have offered themselves to presenter Mavis Nicholson to discuss how... Last night they were reviewing discipline in their different situations...

separated woman who was bringing up a 12-year-old girl alone, a family with a severely handicapped child, and one where siblings mixed with foster-children... Ms Nicholson, a natural, unobtrusive interviewer, probed about - but of family rows, uncontrolled anger, child resentment...

Dennis Hackett

Dying for emotion

My Brother's Keeper
Greenwich

Class Enemy apart, Nigel Williams's plays have struck me as fantasies of working-class or terrorist violence as dreamed up by a middle-class outsider... My Brother's Keeper is an intensely emotional play about a family whose obsessive love for each other has taken the form of withdrawal and prolonged separation...

the bright side and faithfully keeping things going day by day for 47 years... For Sam, the businessman (John Price) it takes the form of anger and guilt. The really interesting character is Tony (John McEnery), a writer who has adopted the usual tactic of covering childhood wounds up with aggressive wit...

Irving Wardle



Hanging on: John McEnery and Reginald Marsh

Peter Lewis on how Channel 4 is recording history in the making
Wringing out the memories



Boiling down history: A picture of hospital laundry workers from the Forties featured in tomorrow's programme

Television history programmes suffer from too many mandarins and experts - or that at least is the view of the programme-makers of Television History Workshop... The TV history Workshop's founder is Gregg Lanning who came, like his co-producers, Marilyn Wheatcroft and Sharon Goulds, from a television, not an academic background...

into workhouse uniform "sat round waiting to die" and, at night, threw things at a naked light bulb 30 feet above the dormitory because it was never turned on... The workshop operates from a Television History Centre at 42, Queen Square, London, WC1, where all its work is archived...

It will be a record of 20th century Britain. We don't just want to be left with Dallas and Coronation Street

hired equipment and a shop off the trouble-centre, Ralton Road, and invited the locals to record their versions of events on tape... Their approach embodies the anti-elitist view of history. "Television tends to give history in an authorised version - wars and great men," said Gregg Lanning.

Concert
Spell binding

London
Sinfonietta/Howarth
St John's

This was a lively performance and we were treated to four new works which are engaging and imaginative... It was a short programme, but even so exceptional brilliance and stamina were required from the players...

another concert Osborne has made with the raw energy of African music. The zansa itself is a small jangling percussion instrument from black Africa that is heard in the middle of the piece... Paul Griffiths

Radio
The rabbit trap

Years ago, I came across a remark which went roughly like this: "They say it takes all sorts to make a world. This may well be true; but if it is - where are they all?"

who evidently saw no contradiction in physically assaulting human beings so that animals might be saved from injury... The point is that in its elements, its structure, this controversy displays precisely the same kind of behaviour as any other you care to name.

Maintaining this programme's good reputation for catholicity, its latest edition turned to the question of whether there is a distinction between causing suffering to animals and to human beings... There was an hour's absorbing listening to be had with The Reluctant Virtuoso (Radio 3, February 3) producer, Cathy Wearling.

On the other hand, there were the animal protectors, some of whom consider the distinction doubtful, while others regard it as non-existent and are inclined to equate animal experimentation with black slavery or the practices of Hitler and his followers... David Wade

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Law Report February 9 1985

Court of Appeal

Liability not transferred

Angus Jowett & Co v National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers... The Employment Appeal Tribunal dismissed an appeal from a decision of a middle-borough industrial tribunal in November 1983, who upheld a complaint by the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers against the company...

completion of a relevant transfer. The employers' duties and liabilities regarding consultation could not be described as duties or liabilities in connection with any such contract as was referred to in regulation 5... The court of appeal, in a reserved judgement, allowed an appeal by the employee, Miss Deborah Cox, from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal...

Overseas employees are included

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Section 64A, it was said, excluded the application of section 54 because the employee was continuously employed for less than two years and secondly at no time did the number of employees which could be taken into account under section 64A(1)(b) exceed 20... The court of appeal, in a reserved judgement, allowed an appeal by the employee, Miss Deborah Cox, from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal...

Dismissal over absence after holiday

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LORD JUSTICE PARKER, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the employee was employed by the employer from April 13, 1981 to April 30, 1982, on which date her contract of employment, under which she worked in England, was terminated by the employers... The court of appeal, in a reserved judgement, allowed an appeal by the employee, Miss Deborah Cox, from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal...

Appellant's costs penalty

Nial v Baxters (Butchers) Ltd... The court of appeal, in a reserved judgement, allowed an appeal by the employee, Miss Deborah Cox, from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal... The court of appeal, in a reserved judgement, allowed an appeal by the employee, Miss Deborah Cox, from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal...

The industrial tribunal's decision dismissing his complaint of unfair dismissal was exemplary. There was no substance in the appeal, which was dismissed... The court of appeal, in a reserved judgement, allowed an appeal by the employee, Miss Deborah Cox, from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal...

Witness the homecoming of Agamemnon through the Lion Gate at Mycenae.

As you walk under the huge blocks of the Lion Gate, it's easy to picture the king's return from Troy after ten long years of war... Unfortunately, the welcome awaiting him was less than warm. Along with beautiful Cassandra (whom he'd rescued from the sack of Troy), he was bloodily murdered by the lover of his wife Clytemnestra.

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ENEMIES OF FRIENDS

On his way back from Yalta, Roosevelt flew to Egypt for the first meeting between an American President and the founder of Saudi Arabia...

The Arab states and the PLO for their part are still formally committed to King Fahd's own Fez Plan, also of September 1982, which calls for an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

visits soon - that he could help King Husain convince Mr Arafat if he were to re-launch his September 1982 plan, embellished with a reference to self-determination.

Self-determination would mean giving the Palestinians the right to choose an independent state. The Americans do not particularly want this, do not believe they could sell it to the Israelis, and do not wish by endorsing it to remove the pressure on the Palestinians to seek their salvation through Husain.

The only peace initiative which might not have that effect would be one supported by the Soviet Union. It so happens that the Soviet Union is pushing the idea of a solution of the Middle East problem through talks within the framework of an international conference whose members would include Israel, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, the PLO, the USSR and the USA.

Yet they would do well at least to explore the seriousness of the Soviet desire to promote a solution by this means. Correctly handled it could, like its predecessor the Geneva Conference of 1973, provide the framework for substantive bilateral negotiations between Israel and Arab states.

Negotiations on this point are still in progress between King Husain and Mr Arafat. Some think - and among them are the British - and Egyptian governments, from whose leaders Mr Reagan will also be receiving

But the meeting will not be purely commemorative. It falls at the beginning of a re-elected Republican President's second term. According to conventional Arab wisdom, this is the moment in the American political cycle when the Administration is most free of domestic (ie Jewish) political pressures, and therefore able to adopt a policy in the Middle East guided primarily by US national interests, rather than by partiality for Israel.

That familiar theme is what Mr Reagan can expect to hear from King Fahd. He is mandated by the Palestine Liberation Organization and by King Husain of Jordan to urge the Administration to do something in the words of his deputy information minister, Mr Foad al-Farsi, to rebut radical accusations that hopes vested in friendship with the United States 'for so long were a mirage'.

What might that something be? King Fahd may feel obliged to open by urging once again that the US accept the PLO as representative of the Palestinians in future peace talks. He will know, however, that the US is firmly committed to solving the Palestinian problem, if at all, through Jordan. Mr Reagan's plan of September 1 1982 is still on the table, with its advocacy of 'self-government by the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza in association with Jordan'

Such a posture of passivity or benign neglect is, they argue, hypocritical when Washington allocates ever-increasing economic and military aid to Israel. That part of the argument, at least, is surely right. America is not and cannot be neutral in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

But is it their attitude that needs to change, or Israel's? The American answer would be, both; and that the essential precondition for changing Israel's attitude is that the Arabs should be willing to sit down with her and talk. King Husain is willing, but he wants the PLO with him in the negotiations because, as he told the Palestine National Council when it met in his own capital last November, 'it is the party authorized to speak about the most serious and important issue in the Middle East crisis - namely, the Palestinian issue'.

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THE TRIAL THAT FAILED

The curtain has come down on Poland's extraordinary legal show, with a rather predictable denouement. By imposing long prison sentences on the murderers of Father Popieluszko, the judge, and the political authorities behind him, have made an example of the people they originally set out to make an example of, while probably avoiding further embarrassing publicity in the discussion of a death sentence, or appeal proceedings in the supreme court.

So have the politicians around General Jaruzelski achieved what they hoped to achieve? When they decided to risk holding the trial, they probably had at least three audiences in mind: the police, the public and

weeks of shameful testimony. Not since the sensational revelations of a top Security Services defector were broadcast by Radio Free Europe in the early nineteen-fifties have the Poles learned in such detail, and on such good authority, about the habitual practices of the secret police.

The exploitation of the trial by the state prosecutor for making rabid anti-Church propaganda has naturally (and predictably) disgusted most Poles, at least as much as it may have pleased, or at least appeased, Moscow.

If these attacks were now to be followed by a show trial of some 'extremist' priest, the Jaruzelski government would certainly find that it had lost any political credit it might have gained with Western governments. In such an eventuality, the Foreign Secretary would have to consider very carefully whether he could still go ahead with his official visit to Warsaw, planned for April. In the record of respect for human rights, Thursday's sentences hardly cancel out the horrifying fact of the murder, or the many other acts of police violence which have been part of Poland's everyday life for the past three years.

PRESSING THE FLESH

It is a pity that while the British were ruling India, and bringing home innumerable souvenirs in the way of brass, sandalwood and elephants' feet, as well as smatched items of Hindi vocabulary, they never adopted the graceful and reticent Indian gesture of greeting, the namaste.

For candidates running for office, there is no possibility of hanging back. Avoiding the clutches of the electorate appears standoffish, and going into the clinic with reserve can be even worse for the British are inclined to flatter themselves that they can read people's characters infallibly from the firmness, or otherwise, of their grasp. An

ambitious politician might as well flout the party line on the coal strike as allow his hand to convey a message of feebleness. Thus every hand-to-hand encounter in politics is apt to become a contest in knuckle-cracking, a preliminary but integral part of the hard bargaining about to take place round the negotiating table.

This approach is probably as old as the custom itself. Social historians blandly suggest that the purpose of the handshake was originally to show a possible enemy that one's hand was empty of weapons - a witness of peaceable and frank intentions. More probably it had a dual purpose - both a formal sign of peace and at the same time a tacit means of exchanging information about forces held in reserve - a vestigial form of arm-wrestling. Those who duck the challenge altogether without clear medical sanction are necessarily suspect: Mussolini banned the handshake in his new Roman empire, ostensibly on

the grounds that it was unhygienic, but more probably because he knew it gave too much away.

For the handshake permits messages of considerable subtlety to be passed - of warmth, sympathy or disdain. As in the children's game of 'stone-scissors-paper', the winner of a handshake is not always the one who goes into it with no holds barred. At the instant where the muscles tighten it can be as mortifying to find that one has crushed to smithereens a pointedly unaggressive hand just as it settles trustfully as a bird into one's own as it can be to feel one's tendons wrenched by a demonstration of how to crack walnuts between thumb and forefinger. Either way, the discomfited party will be left wanting only to slink away wondering just which extreme of grace Gilbert had in mind in 'The Mikado', when he included among those whom anyone would gladly see condemned to death: 'All persons who in shaking hands shake hands with you like that'.

Rural bus service reassurance

From the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport. Sir, Clearly the Government still has a lot to do in explaining its new proposals for bus transport, for how else could Mrs Anne Angus (February 6) have been deceived into believing that subsidy for necessary rural routes would be brought to an end?

The fact is that both county and district councils will continue to have resources for subsidising routes which are, in their judgment, socially necessary but which have proved not to be commercially viable.

The only difference will be in the method by which the subsidy is given. At present this is generally by way of a bilateral deal with the major operator in the area, which is relatively easy to arrange but provides no real measure of value for money in the amounts being paid.

Under the Government's proposals the council will be able to put the same routes out to competitive tender, singly or in parcels. The experience in both Norfolk and Hereford, where it has been tried, is that the cost is substantially less, so saving ratepayers money.

So Mrs Anne Angus and others who live in rural areas can be reassured that there is no reason under the Government's proposals for loss of rural bus service.

Indeed, competition will improve standards of service, reduce costs and help to halt the decline in rural services. Our policy is a positive step to help with a serious problem in rural areas.

Yours sincerely, DAVID MITCHELL, Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, SW1, February 6.

Maintaining the claim

From the Ambassador of Greece. Sir, Philip Howard has written a pleasant and amusing article ('It's all English to the Greeks', January 25) on the occasion of the centenary appeal of the British School of Archaeology in Athens, an institution which has made a distinguished contribution to scholarship and Anglo-Greek relations.

That said, I should like to do two things: first, warmly to endorse Mr Howard's reference to the 'links of affinity, affection, and culture between Greeks and British'; and second, to inform your readers that the British School's centenary appeal was officially launched when the School held its annual meeting at the Royal Geographical Society, on February 5.

Value of grammar

From Mr Ronald Deadman. Sir, 'A conscientious teacher, aware of the difficulties that lie in the path of the illiterate child, will be aware of the value of grammar,' says Dr Roger Scruton ('For creative read ignorant', January 22).

To the contrary, surely. Many conscientious teachers in remedial reading classes use the 'language experience' method. They demonstrate that listening, speaking, reading and writing (and drawing) are all important aspects of the skill we call communication.

These teachers, and many thoughtful parents, encourage youngsters to read the words they themselves have written as captions for their drawings. The wrong sequence? Hardly: in the beginning was not the word, but the picture of the word on the wall of the cave.

Service clearance at Molesworth

From Councillor Jacques Arnold. Sir, The overwhelming majority of people in this rural part of Northamptonshire, near Molesworth, are relieved and very impressed by the Services' clearance of the so-called Peace Camp this morning.

The camp, which was insanitary and resembled a scrap merchant's yard, was a growing threat which would have brought Greenham Common-type problems to us, culminating in a CND jamboree at Easter, in a quiet rural area which has not the infrastructure for a vast influx of people.

The Army/police operation was swift and efficient and no one was hurt. The land was returned to its rightful owner, decisive action for which we are grateful.

If these unsavoury people wish to argue their case, let them do it through the political process and not through littering our countryside. Yours faithfully, JACQUES ARNOLD, Hawkhurst, Herne Road, Northamptonshire, February 6.

From Professor Colin Leakey. Sir, Enough is enough. Peaceful protest and military activity against civilians have both proved their points. We now know that we have one major issue of political concern of outstanding dimensions. It is time for a ballot.

Mr Heselstine claims that through the results of the last general election expected to make greater sacrifices than London and Dublin.

Within Northern Ireland a permanent dominant-subordinate relationship between the present majority and minority sections of the community is clearly unacceptable. There are two distinct traditions and when non-violent they should be seen as equally legitimate and valid.

There needs to be not only equality of opportunity but also parity of esteem for both identities, cultures and aspirations. To express this parity in tangible terms requires a range of legislation which only the United Kingdom government can initiate. Much of it concerns public symbols and may be at first unpopular, though fruitful in the long run.

I urge the Government to grasp both nettles, the one internal, the other external. In so doing it would strengthen and uphold democratic and legitimate political parties (including Mr Hume and his colleagues), while at the same time eroding support for illegitimate and violent factions. Yours faithfully, HYLTON, House of Lords, February 6.

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The fact is that the British Government holds some, at any rate, of the keys to an unhappy and expensive situation. It can, and should, move on two fronts. It should make the first moves, as the larger partner, to put relations between Britain and Ireland into the best possible order.

Our two countries share many common traditions and are in many ways interdependent. We deserve a range of appropriate institutions to express the reality of this relationship. If this is not done it is unfair to expect the political leaders of Northern Ireland to make compromises and to work together. Northern parties should not be

it can be implied that the majority of the British people want American bases and/or nuclear missiles in Britain. Mr Bruce Kent claims the opposite. We do not know who is right.

Is the issue not important enough after this latest reaction on the part of the Government for there to be a clear need for us to find out? Let the peace protesters and the Army both now withdraw and let the matter be settled at the ballot box rather than the barricades.

Yours sincerely, COLIN LEAKEY, The Close, 15 Cambridge Road, Girton, Cambridge, February 7.

From Lord Hunt. Sir, Was it either wise or necessary for the Secretary of State for Defence to appear at RAF Molesworth to inspect the creation of defences for a cruise missile site, and to watch the forcible eviction of CND squatters, attired in Army combat dress?

It is hardly credible that he was seeking to conceal his identity, and I hesitate before accusing him of a flair for exhibitionism.

More seriously, I suggest that his gesture may have done rather less than nothing to allay public concern over the Government's authoritarian image.

Yours truly, JOHN HUNT, House of Lords, February 7.

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Agenda for training

From Mr Tony Baldry, MP for Banbury (Conservative). Sir, The recent survey by the Industrial Society that found that two thirds of the companies approached devote less than 0.5 per cent of their turnover to training, simply confirms that employers are going to have to invest far more in training if we are ever to have any hope of competing with Japan, Germany or the United States.

After all, the technology may be the same world over, it is what people do with that technology that matters.

Perhaps a start would be for every company, however large or small, to have 'training' as a regular item on board agendas. That would at least ensure that two questions would be regularly asked: Training - who is responsible for it? And what are we doing about it?

Yours sincerely, TONY BALDRY, House of Commons, February 4.

Unlucky dog?

From Mr Paul Honigmann. Sir, While one must congratulate Mr Robert Beckman for his canny, canine investment expertise on behalf of William of Arcthyon (report, February 5) he is barking up the wrong tree when he says that 'Four centuries from now, with all the interest it is accumulating the account will probably be the biggest in the world'.

Parliament attacked accumulation of money in perpetuity as long ago as the 'Thellusson' Act of 1800 and by virtue of The Perpetuities and Accumulations Act 1964 the maximum period of accumulation is limited to a relatively small number of years.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 9 1886 At a meeting in Trafalgar Square on February 8 1886, rival factions addressed a crowd estimated at between 15,000 and 20,000. A second demonstration, also marked by violence, took place the following day. Among the leaders were Henry Mayers Hyndman (1848-1921) and John Burns (1858-1943). They were charged with seditious conspiracy, but were acquitted. Burns became an MP in 1892, later joining the Liberal Party and retiring in 1918. Nowwithstanding the violence and destruction of the days, the Lord Mayor's relief fund shoe up from £30,000 to £79,000.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN LONDON

Yesterday, in the interests of the unemployed of London, a demonstration, which proved to be of a very mixed character and ended in disorder, was held in Trafalgar Square. The original meeting was called by the Labourers' League, which is a combination of unskilled workers, of which Mr. Kenny is the secretary, the purpose being to strengthen the hands of those who had sought the aid of the Lord Mayor for the distressed people, and to stimulate the authorities in proceedings with works of relief. The scene then presented was a remarkable one. The whole of the square where the demonstrations are densely packed with people, the roadways on each side were filled, the steps of St. Martin's Church were thronged, and down to Pall-mall, as far as could be seen, the pavement was apparently indisposed to come too closely. There was a great roar of voices as the man with the red flag mounted the stone wall overlooking the square, and a sound which previously had been turned south now looked north. Mr. Burns had a stentorian voice, and it could be heard distinctly at a great distance. He declared that he and his friends of the 'Revolutionary' Social Democratic League were not there to oppose the agitation of the unemployed, but they were there to prevent people being made the tools of the paid agitators who were working in the interests of the Fair Trade League. He went on to denounce the Labourers' and Commons as composed of capitalists who had fattened upon the labour of the working men, and in this category he included landlords, railway directors, and employers, who, he said, were no more likely to support the interests of the working men than were the wolves to labour for the lambs. To hang these, he said, would be to waste good rope, and as no good to the people as could be expected from these 'representatives' there must be a revolution to alter the present state of things. The people who were out of work did not want relief but justice. The proceedings on the whole were conducted in such a manner that no disturbance was anticipated, and the body of police in attendance was entirely inadequate to deal with any emergency which might arise. It was only towards the close of the speaking that any signs of violence were given. As soon as the speaker had finished from the small wooden constructions which had served for platforms the mob seized the platforms. This mob, estimated at 1,000 to 2,000 persons, proceeded into Pall-mall, and it soon became evident that they were bent upon mischief, and that they had loaded themselves with stones and other missiles with which to do damage. It was remarked by a number of persons that this mob included a number of toughs who were not really unemployed, but were apparently acting as ring-leaders were respectably dressed. Mr. Burns, who had presided at the Socialist part of the demonstration, was borne along on the shoulders of his admirers down the street, and here they threw stones at the windows of the nearly all the clubs and some of the shops and private houses. Much more serious damage was effected when the mob reached Half-Moon Street. At the corner of this street is the establishment of Mr. H. Benjamin, livery tailor, glover, and hosier. The mob made a determined rush at the windows, which they smashed and then seized the articles of clothing and hosiery which the windows contained. Turning to the opposite corner of the street, they dashed at the shop of Mr. E. Gallie, and after a few minutes had done there they served four or five of his large plate-glass windows in the same manner, and some possessed themselves of bottles of spirits and liqueur and wines of various descriptions. Rushing wildly onward the infuriated mob entered Hyde Park, where for a short time they were addressed by some of their leaders, who took up a position at the foot of the statue. Here the mob stopped and turned, and their occupants out of them. After a brief halt in the park they resumed their destructive march, and, emboldened by the absence of resistance, set out again to accomplish greater destruction and pillage than ever. . . .

The tragedy is greater than the loss of one man. Taha's death symbolizes the end of hope for Nimeiry's May Revolution which only ten years ago was seen by the world to have peace, unity and development within its grasp.

The question now is whether Nimeiry's appalling record on human rights will affect the response of Western governments to Sudan's other great tragedy, the desperation of its population weighed down by war, famine, economic collapse and the growing refugee problem.

Yours sincerely, MANSOUR KHALID, (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sudan, 1971-1978), 9 Jubilee Place, SW3, February 4.

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The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips...

Peter Gibbs, arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt...
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips...

The New Testament Gospels do not contain an account of Jesus's Resurrection. This might seem a strange statement in view of the fact that the Christian church is founded on belief in the risen Christ...

the continuity between Christian life and after life. They are also able to stress the interdependence of Jesus's ministry and continuing power.
His resurrection illuminates the ministry and vice versa.

OBITUARY SIR WILLIAM LYONS Founder of Jaguar Cars

Sir William Lyons the founder of Jaguar Cars Ltd, died yesterday at the age of 83.
From a modest beginning as a sidecar manufacturer in 1922, he went on to create Jaguar and was for many years its chairman and managing director.



William Lyons was born in Blackpool, on September 4, 1901, the son of a piano dealer and was educated at Arnold House School (now Arnold School) there. In 1922, he opened a small factory in Blackpool for the manufacture of Swallow sidecars in partnership with a Mr William Walsley.

By 1928, the Swallow Company had outgrown two factories at Blackpool and moved that year to Coventry, where it secured a large factory. It was from here in 1931 that the first complete car to have an identity of its own from these constructors emerged.

Another milestone was reached in 1935, with the introduction of the first Jaguar saloon. By then, two-seater sports cars had already been added to the range and the company was the first to build a series production motor car capable of exceeding 100 mph at a price of under £450.

The outbreak of war in 1939 shelved the company's plans for expansion and in common with the other motor manufacturers its efforts were devoted entirely to making the materials of war. In 1945, the company's name was changed to Jaguar Cars Ltd, and it quickly resumed car production and concentrated on the vital task of expanding its export business, particularly to the USA.

In 1948, the Jaguar company introduced a completely new sports car - the XK 120 - which was capable of speeds in excess of 130 mph and proved an immediate success. Its twin-overhead camshaft engine was destined to win numerous victories on the race tracks of the world. After achieving the first British victory in the Le Mans 24-hours race for 16 years in 1951, Jaguar cars again beat the other motor manufacturers in the competition at Le Mans in 1953, 1955, 1956 and 1957.

By 1956, the company had moved to a million sq ft factory, which narrowly escaped complete destruction by fire the following year. After helping with the fire-fighting all night, Lyons gave a stirring message to his employees next morning. Rehabilitation and rebuilding began immediately and production soon exceeded the pre-fire level.

Mr Walter Jacobs, who died in Miami on February 6 at the age of 88, was the founder in 1918 of the car hire firm which, after its sale in 1923 to John Hertz, became the Hertz Corporation. During those five years Jacobs expanded his firm, called Rent-A-Ford and based in Chicago, to a fleet of 162 cars. He remained president and chief operating officer of Hertz until his retirement in 1960.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. R. Beresford and Miss J. M. Adams
The engagement is announced between Stephen Roger, only son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Beresford, of Lawn House, Woodhouse, Leicestershire, and Jayne Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. R. Adams, of The Driffold, Sutton Coldfield.

Receptions

H M Government
The Hon George Younger Secretary of State for Scotland, was host last night at a reception for chairman of visiting committees of local establishments at 6 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh.

Service dinner

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Officers of the RAF Personnel Management Centre and RAF Ingham held a guest night yesterday to bid farewell to departing officers. Wing Commander P. P. Kelly presided, and the principal speaker was Air Vice-Marshal J. B. Duxbury, Air Secretary.

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Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Leeds University

J. K. Elliott

The concept of resurrection is a difficult one to describe in abstract terms, and Paul has problems finding suitable images in which to explain resurrection to the Corinthians. The Easter stories, however, convey pictorially theological arguments by means of a narrative, which is of course proper to their contexts even though resurrection faith cannot be dealt with exclusively in historical terms.

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Science report

Doubts on early classification of Aids

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor
Cayon belongs to the United States Centre for Infectious Diseases, Atlanta, Georgia, and the Genetech research laboratories, San Francisco.
The relevance of getting results from a third source lies in the fact that there was a race among medical research groups to be the first to isolate and classify the infectious agent causing Aids.

MR RUPERT CORBETT

Mr Rupert S. Corbett, FRCS, who died on January 28, 1985, belonged to the distinguished circle of pioneer surgeons, who between 30 and 60 years ago contributed, like Lawrence Abel and his immediate predecessors, to the enormous advances in major surgery, attacking frequently successfully, the threat of malignant tumours.

Rupert Shelton Corbett, was born at Rodebosch, South Africa, on February 11, 1893, and educated at the Diocesan College, Cape Town, Stubbington House, Hampshire, and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. He completed his medical training at St Bartholomew's Hospital.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Norman Adams, 58; Mr David Bannell, 61; Mr Ryland Bates, 42; Air Commodore B. M. Duent-Amos, 64; Miss Mia Farrow, 40; Dr Garret Fitzgerald, 59; Sir Douglas Hadow, 72; Mr J. C. Laker, 63; Mr Douglas Long, 60; Lord Pearce, 84; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Peart, 46; Professor S. E. Rasmussen, 87; Mr Dean Rusk, 76; Miss Janet Suman, 46.
TOMORROW: Mr Larry Adler, 71; Dame Judith Anderson, 87; Lieutenant-General Sir Nigel Baghill, 53; Mrs Oleya Bowyer, 43; Mrs Elizabeth Carson, 93; Dr Alexander Comfort, 65; Dr Walter Hamilton, 73; Field Marshal Lord Harding of Petherton, 89; Sir Alister Hardy, 89; Professor J. Heslop-Harrison, 65; Lord Milne, 76; Lord Orr-Ewing, 73; Group Captain Sir Gordon Pirie, 67; Sir Idwal Pugh, 67; the Earl of Stockton, OM, 91.

Memorial service

Marshal of the RAF Viscount Trenchard
A service in memory of Marshal of the RAF Viscount Trenchard was held yesterday in the RAF Chapel, Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster officiated and a wreath of poppies in the form of a pilot's brevet was laid by Marshal of the RAF Sir Dermot Boyle, vice-president of the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Latest wills

Allen, Canon Ronald Edward Taylor, of Peterborough, former Vicar of Edgeston £200,054
Bader, Mr Alfred Frederick, of Kingston upon Thames £397,529
Nathan, Katherine Lee, of Hampstead, London £612,424
Osborne, Mrs Elsie Lilly, of Upper Eastville, Bristol £347,337
Owry, Mrs Mary, of Bromley, Kent £303,405
Parry, Mr Robert Hughes, of Carnarvon, Gwynedd £401,135
Palmeire, Mr Reginald Kaye, of Torquay, Devon £593,282

Edge Grove Preparatory School

Edge Grove Preparatory School, Aldenham, Hertfordshire, celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year. For details of special events and of a boarding and a music scholarship available apply to the headmaster.

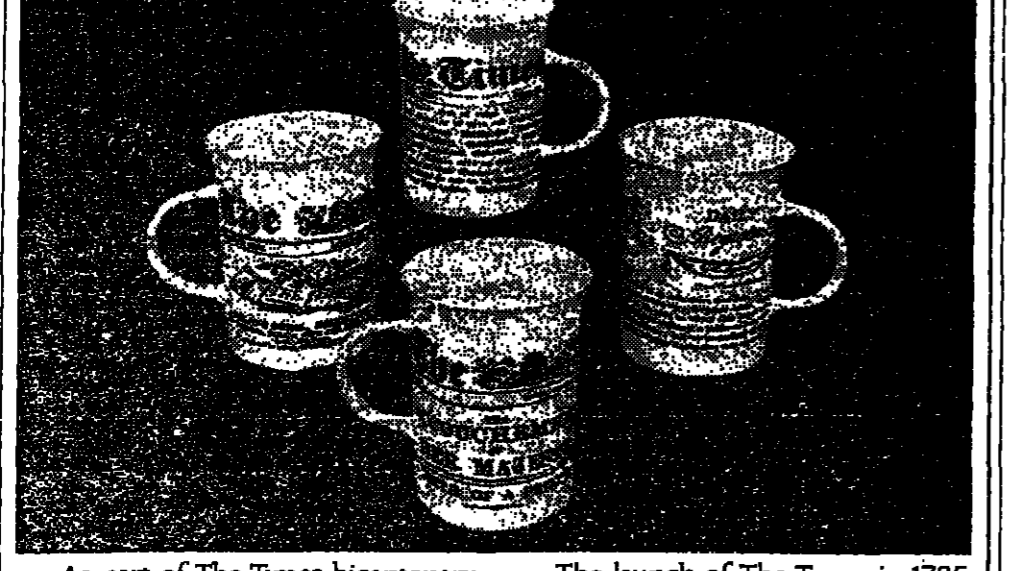
Baron Vinson

The life barony conferred on Nigel Vinson has been granted by the name, style and title of Baron Vinson, of Roddham, Duke in the County of Northumbria.

Services tomorrow

Sexagesima
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Science report

Doubts on early classification of Aids

The latest discovery about the virus which causes Aids (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) indicates that an earlier misclassification was made when the infectious agent was isolated last year. As a consequence of such a mistake could be to misdirect other research teams trying to develop a vaccine. Evidence that something could be wrong in the original description of the virus has been growing over the past two months. Doubts have emerged as scientists have made detailed analyses revealing its biochemical structure.

Science report

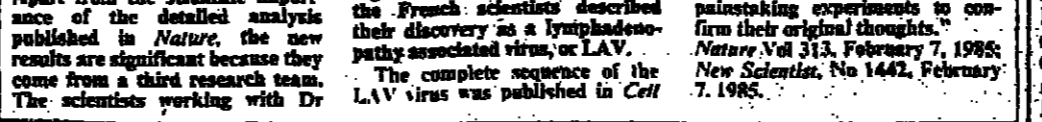
Doubts on early classification of Aids

The relevance of getting results from a third source lies in the fact that there was a race among medical research groups to be the first to isolate and classify the infectious agent causing Aids. A group working with Dr Robert Gallo, of the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland, United States, were the first to publish. Dr Gallo was convinced that an agent belonging to the family of human T-cell leukaemia viruses (HTLVs) was implicated. Because of some characteristics unique to the unknown virus a third category was created and the agent was given the label HTLV-III.

Science report

Doubts on early classification of Aids

The pattern is confirmed in the results published this week. What they all show, however, is that some of the compounds are not in the arrangement that would be expected if the virus belonged to the HTLV family. The name LAV was chosen by the French team because they believed it better described the disease Aids. But if the two different named viruses are a common source, then the French team made the original discovery. Commenting this week on the rush to be first to publish, the New Scientist says: 'So young is the study of the Aids virus that there can be no such thing as an established wisdom.'



17, 13 Travel: Michael Watkins makes a pilgrimage to Lourdes; cross-country skiing in Norway; Fare deals; cruising in style

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INTERFACE WITH ME - JAY

YAPs, or Young Aspiring Professionals are brash, bright and bound for the top. They are the new lieutenants of commerce and industry with their own uniform and their own brand of computerspeak. Lucre is more on their lips than love except when romance can further their careers. So to mark Valentine's Day Pearson Phillips, expert on the YAP and author of the standard work on how to spot one, has written this tale of modern romance and courtship

The sudden increase in the rate of Jill's heartbeat had nothing to do with her early morning run. What was this aerial banner with its suggestive message doing over north London's up-and-coming Stoke Newington? It must be meant for her. Was this the first Valentine of the day?

Why is it so rare? Because YAPs don't normally have time for that sort of thing. Every moment of their day is dedicated to the struggle to maintain upward mobility. They not only have to be rich and successful, they have to look as though they are rich and successful. Messy, time-consuming, emotional tangles can interfere with work. Besides, (as YAPs would put it), there is rarely any return on the input (see glossary of YAP-YAP below), energy-wise.

air. Romance? No. A trend? Yes. The whisper is going round: "Fidelity" is in. "Love" is the new buzzword. Loving other people, that is. There are articles in the magazines directed at young executives of both sexes explaining how to do it. Jill has read them.

So has Jack Robinson, who, South of the River, was proceeding with the celibate routine of his upwardly mobile morning. Fresh from a jog and a power shower, he sat at his oiled teak breakfast counter. The juicer had

already juiced and the antique French percolator stood on the electric warming hob attached to his four-burner island cooking surface. He glanced at his Rolex. Operation Valentine should have been initiated. If those guys at Elstree Aerodrome had implemented their task in the advertising role*. Maybe he should have monitored* it.

love, then he'd take it on board. What was it the chairman said at lunch the other day? "People seeking success in the business world should aim to achieve as stable a domestic life as possible." He had been on the point of enlisting with an executive introduction agency, when he had met Jill at a conference on future developments in retail distribution* and end-user* servicing. There had been a couple of dinners since, but now it was time to move in or move on. A merger would enhance* his effectiveness. She would know how to optimize* the leverage of a home entertainment allowance. What was it his old Harvard professor had said in that seminar on take-over tactics? "Hit 'em with everything you've got. Identify their weaknesses and maximize* the advantages of restructured destinies."

JILL Jill Jardine-Jackson. Aged 28, daughter of a diplomat. Long dark hair, streaked. Gray-green eyes. Educated St Paul's and Brasenose College, Oxford. Just missed her first in PPE through spending so much time rowing No 7 in a women's eight. Rowing network got her job with the "Mabry Hammy" (Manufacturers' Hanover Trust, American banking group). Transferred to Wall Street for brief stretch, but back in the City did most sidestep into stockbroking. Now leading analyst in stores and food retailing; partnership in prospect. Good-year for her last year, profits-related bonuses put her "take" up to around £25,000. Skis, plays squash, tennis, rides, but gave up early morning sculling when she moved to large old house ripe for renovation in Stoke Newington. Gets average of two proposals a month. Broken hearts everywhere. "What I really need", she says, "is a wife".

But, wait. There is something in the

how he skis. Wonder where we'll be dining tonight. Not the Bombay Brasserie again. There followed three callers, tapping the antique Moorish door-knocker on her plain wooden door. Like the Wise Men, they brought gifts. One brought a bottle of 1979 Veuve Clicquot, with a card from "the man who will put sparkle into your life..." One delivered a basket of mangos, kiwi fruit, and pawpaws. "Pending a taste of the real Tropics..." The third was a uniformed chauffeur. The black Cadillac at the kerb was there to take her to the office.

INPUT Over at the work-station Jill arrived at her open work-station* on the heels of the departing cleaners as usual. A bunch of Colombian roses in passionate red lay in a plastic wrapping. His secretary must have been working over-time. She punched out her code number on the computer terminal to collect the messages in her electronic mail box. Him again, confirming for the evening. So it's to be aperitifs at Green's. Wonder if he'll try the oyster routine. But there is some homework to be done before then, sunshine.

Looking up the name of Jack Robinson's employers in her Filofax*, she was gratified to discover that a personal assistant to a senior vice-president of the company was a woman she had swapped cards with at a dinner party three weeks ago. Over a networking* lunch of smoked salmon sandwiches

and Perrier at Garroways she needed all that she needed to know about the status, income and prospects of her Valentine dinner date. He began to seem quite attractive...

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YAP-YAP other people to do what you want. Distribute: YAPs never sell. They "market" or "distribute". End-users: The base shop-keeping word "customer" is also stunned (except for occasional ironic use, as when talking about a multi-million pound corporation as "one of our customers"). "End-user" or "client" (better still, "client-company") is acceptable. YAPs actually forced to deal with "the public" will claim to be "enjoying some sharp-and-experience". Enhance: Improve

FEEDBACK Down at the watering hole. Yes, he had used the oyster routine. He had also dropped the names Gstaad, Nepal and Dave's Pasta Pies in Princeton, New Jersey. She had countered with white-water rafting down the Grand Canyon, skiing in Kashmir and the Tutto Italiana Delicatessa on Sunset Boulevard, LA. On arriving at the Caprice she had insisted on "doing dinner", as he had "laid out quite enough already today in one way or another". They had filled the previous two dates with cleverly edited versions of their lives. It was now critical mass* time. Jack decided. Time to implement* his policy aims* and input future intentions. He craved some feedback.

Critical mass: From nuclear physics (minimum amount of fissile material needed to sustain chain reaction). Used as "moment of truth" in situation. Feedback: Somebody else's opinion. Implement: Set well-laid YAP plot in motion. Aims: Used to sharpen up blunt concept; "policy" is usually "our policy aims". Buddy: Someone with whom a YAP is doing a deal. "Real buddy" means the deal has been done. Pencil in: Make an arrangement which will be broken when something better turns up.

Attempt to ease pension fears. Pension hint by cautious Lawson. BUDGET THREAT TO THE SELF EMPLOYED and those not in Company Pension Schemes. 3 Vital Questions to answer before Budget Day, March 19. 1. Are you aware that under current legislation the size of your tax-free retirement nest egg is restricted by Parliament? 2. Did you know that the Chancellor is rumoured to be considering taxing this sum in the future? 3. Are you aware that a new Pension 'Extra Cash' Account can provide up to 54% more tax-free cash than existing plans... and with the full support of the Inland Revenue? Time Assurance. Send this coupon now (no stamp needed) for full details without obligation to Time Assurance Society, FREEPOST, Oldham OL1 1YA, or telephone (061) 624 7299.

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Triumphant lights in the darkness

Michael Watkins joins the queue of sick and poor pilgrims who pray for a cure at Lourdes

I had never been on a religious pilgrimage before, and I didn't know what to expect. For years I had thought about Lourdes, but in similarly abstract terms in which I considered clearing out the attic: the day would come, but not yet. Both Lourdes and the attic might contain things I shouldn't know what to do with; so they could wait. Then I received an invitation from Spes Travel to join a four days' pilgrimage. "What does Spes mean?" I asked. "Hope", they explained.

On the flight I was lucky in being seated in the middle of a row between a nun and Mrs Chan. Mrs Chan's baggage tag gave her name away. She was from the Philippines and carried a yellow rose in a water-pot, intending to place it in the Grotto as soon as possible. She worried that the rose was opening too soon; she wanted her offering to be perfect. The nun didn't have a baggage tag, so I asked what saint she was named after. "I don't have a saint's name", she replied in an American accent. "I was called Sister Amata."

I must have looked blank. "Amo, amas, amat..." she recited, amamus, amatis, amant. "I concluded, 'You've got it', she said. And you're a sweetheart, I thought. Before being interned in a Japanese concentration camp, she had taught a Chinese girl in Hong Kong. Forty years later the girl had traced the sister to her convent in Connecticut, sending her a round-trip to Lourdes. "I keep pinching myself to make sure it's not a dream. I've even seen your crown jewels", she said.

When we landed I remarked that she hadn't crossed herself, that she really was coming in on a wing and a prayer. "Oh, I don't go in for that paraphernalia", she said. "I'm 75 and I've had cancer for 20 years, so I know God is with me every second."

We were a group of 85. A mixed group of Irish, West Indians, Catholics from Goa, a couple of Anglicans from London — a healthy looking bunch led by our spiritual director, Father Dickie. There was a man with terminal cancer and a little girl with leukaemia; otherwise we seemed fit enough. The emotional cripples are harder to spot. This high percentage of fitness is the exception to the pilgrimage rule: the following group comprised 17 wheelchair cases, with 24 helpers.

What is Lourdes? A small town with a population of 18,000, 420 metres above sea level at the foot of the Béout

days (a *siège*) each year to the sick of Lourdes for the rest of his active life. He pays all his own expenses: transport, accommodation, meals.

The Grotto was packed. It was packed each time I went during four days, from early morning until late night. It was not the crowd you see at Queen's Park Rangers or on the beaches of the Costa del Sol. Neither were they the Beautiful People you chance upon at Jamaica's Round Hill or in Gstaad. They did not choose their clothes from Dior or their jewels from Cartier. Mostly, they were the raggle-taggle of Europe and beyond. They were down-at-heel and looked worn out, exhausted by factory and field, by life itself. But they had something to which they clung, faith in what they had been told — that their reward would be elsewhere.

Following the procession into the Grotto, past the niche where the Virgin is said to have shown herself, I saw the water spring from the rocks, rocks that are worn smooth with the kisses and touches of pilgrims. I followed a girl with Down's syndrome who was being wheeled by a female helper. She drooled and made distressing noises and had no control over the spasms that shook her teenage body. The helper forced her hand on to the rock; and when her limbs were not straightened, nor her speech made coherent, I felt cheated. And in feeling cheated, knew that I'd somehow missed what it was all about. I could not imagine what others around me were thinking, for theirs is another country and I have not been there.

In this respect I interpreted Lourdes in simplistic terms: a peasant girl saw and spoke to the Mother of God, or she did not. It would help to believe, but thinking does not make it so. Which may be why sceptics and the curious are drawn to Lourdes as well as the devout. Yet this is really by the way — an intellectual indulgence — when the heart of the matter is with the sick, the shattered and the dying who are wheeled or carried by the thousand each day to the Grotto, each one hoping for a miracle. There is a sense of sanctity as palpable as a climatic condition; and one would be very withdrawn from life to be unaffected.

I shan't go on about the souvenir shops, because they are there and they are awful. As awful as Christmas decorations in Regent Street stores in October. Where there are people, there are other people to make money out of them. One can vow not to buy. Mercifully, all shops are beyond the



Hope springs eternal: The saintly Bernadette Soubirous and a band of pilgrims

because I needed it; I'd seen too much for one day.

On Sunday morning we went to mass in the underground Basilica of St Pius X. It is quite common for more than a dozen bishops and 350 priests to celebrate for a congregation of over 20,000. I thought it the ugliest building I have ever seen, a pre-stressed, rib-caged interior of a giant black whale. Its intestines showed everywhere. In junction boxes, spotlights and arm cables coiled like eels on the sea bed. It smelled of people and piety and sickness; then the singing started and I saw it for what it is: a vessel, a covering to keep the rain out, to keep the blistering sun at bay.

'Our hearts need to be broken open'

French chefs smiling winsomely from restaurant entrances, advertising menus from as little as 26 francs *tout confort*.

One morning we climbed the route of the Stations of the Cross. At the first Station Pilate said to them: "Behold the man", passing death sentence on an innocent. "Please go up on your knees", read a sign. All the way to that final tableau of execution. Anne, the eight-year-old with leukaemia, looked pale; her mother hugged her and someone offered a jersey to put about her shoulders; and in the evening we joined in the torchlight procession which Anne enjoyed. If you have never seen 40,000 or so pilgrims, each bearing a candle and singing "Ave Maria", it may be hard to share Anne's pleasure. It lightened the darkness triumphantly.

Sister Amata didn't care for the Basilica either. She was going to the baths, she said, so I walked her there. It involves a long wait, so dense is the queue. But no one seems to fuss; patients and patience have much in common. While Sister A was getting dunked, I sat on a bench, talking to a nurse from Dublin. She told me that she had given up her holidays for 34 years to help at Lourdes.

The best-worst part for me was the blessing of the sick that afternoon. I had already pushed Anne's wheelchair to Boley Mill and I was waiting in line. Afterwards Father Dickie and I opened a bottle of whisky in his room. We must have been tired, for we talked in unfinished half-sentences, reaching for the bottle between the power cuts that troubled Lourdes that night. "Simple people, but not fools", he said. "Hopeless flossam and jetsam who come to this one refuge knowing that they'll be accepted as themselves... many rich people don't need it... you can do without God with a solvent Barclayscard, we can save ourselves with BUPA... a pity Our Lady didn't choose to show herself at Harrogate, there's every facility there... never mind, we need our hearts to be broken open occasionally." I didn't say much. I drank instead. I drank

where Bernadette was born, to the Maison Paternelle, to the Cachot — The disused prison cell, 14ft by 12ft — where her family of six lived; and now I pushed her in the vast procession, ending with the blessing in Rosary Square. I'd come to Lourdes as a spectator, not a participant. I had no intention of becoming involved; my usual position on the side-lines was comfortable. But it didn't work out like that: I was pushing a little girl with leukaemia to be blessed, and I wasn't bearing up very well. Not much good at praying, I was having a go for Anne; and it made my eyes so hot I could hardly see where I was.

On our last morning it poured. Not that it made the slightest difference: the same crowd turned out, beneath umbrellas, embalmers in those see-through plastic garments the manufacturers boast will fit into a matchbox. Sister Amata was chosen to read the lesson at the Grotto. She would never, ever forget that, she told me later.

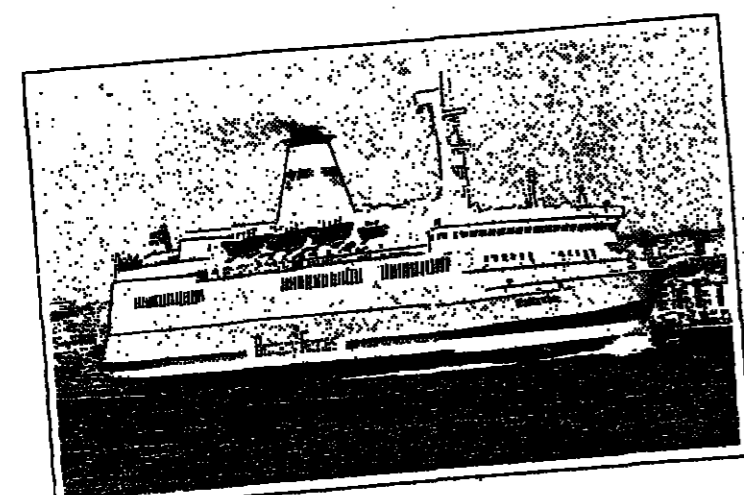
It is odd how, even among so many, you spot recurring features. Several times I saw a young stretcher-case nun who had known such pain her face had become smooth as wax. Wax or marble. I think she was dying, there was that kind of tranquillity. There was the too self-deprecating helper, like the anonymous philanthrope who, so accidentally and so frequently, gets his picture in the papers. Then there was the nurse whose beauty was remarkable, her skin that shade of olive that might have made her a country girl from the south of Italy. I saw her lots of times.

On my way to the Grotto on the final morning I saw her come out of the Accueil Notre Dame and I followed. I was well behind, and she never turned her head. I followed her into the Grotto itself, then she disappeared, absorbed by that great host of pilgrims. And when I realized that I'd never see her again, it was like a queer loss.

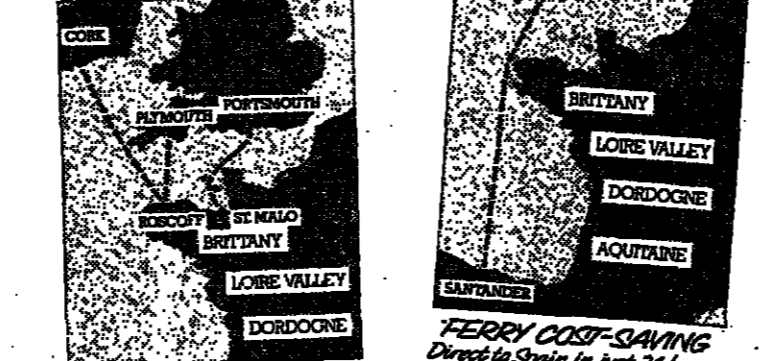
TRAVEL NOTES

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TRAVEL 2

Cross-country struggles that ended in cheers

There is a view among Alpine skiers that cross-country is at best a soft option for the holidaymaker who wants sun, snow and exercise without the rigours of downhill and at worst, something namby-pamby, strictly for the middle aged.

ends in the skis becoming tangled up in front. In a resort, moreover, where the tracks are well used and the narrow skis of others quickly cut deep paths of their own to follow, it can be all the harder to control one's speed with the good old-fashioned snow plough.



Country pursuit: Holidaymakers at Vatnahalsen in Norway. Plemented by hot bacon and eggs for those who wanted it - and an even more elaborate smorgasbord at lunch. For those who want to be gourmets as well as gourmets, moose and reindeer meat are available for dinner by special order.

Afloat in the palace of costly pleasures

No one raised an eyebrow when Ed announced over a gin-fizz that he'd just telephoned his fox terrier at home in Philadelphia and according to her bark she was well through missing him.

engineer from Fort Lauderdale, estimates that she spends \$35,000 a year cruising on VistaJord and Sagafjord. Like an estimated 40 per cent of the ship's passengers Mrs Shumaker is a "repeater" and proud of it.



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Two travellers planned separate trips to Rome. Both wanted to travel at short notice, to stay in Rome for a week and fly from Heathrow with British Airways or Alitalia. The first, attracted by BA's current low fares advertising campaign, headed straight for their main Regent Street travel office.

These examples show how the market has changed in the 1980s. Ten years ago both airline office and travel agent would have charged the same but today, agents have far and away the best prices.

no one is sure what will happen. Price rises from April are on the cards but overall I expect this summer's fares to be only a little more than last year. There could be some good introductory deals on the new services which are planned. From April BA will be flying out of Manchester to New York and a month later, British Caledonian opens a daily Gatwick/New York service.

hefty surcharges on brochure prices. Tickets to New Zealand are simplified from April, allowing travellers to upgrade a simple return trip to a mini round-the-world tour for no extra cost. Fares to the Far East will no longer be such a good buy. For much of the year there is now a shortage of seats (the government has turned down the extra flights planned by Malaysian and Singapore Airlines) so the major airlines have no incentive to price competitively.

Donald Macintyre TRAVEL NOTES

One week's full board per person in a room with bath at the Hotel Beitto costs £504; at the Hotel Byggin, £378, travelling by SAS flight London/Oslo and by Norwegian State Railways Oslo/Fagernes and on by Snowmobile in the case of Byggin. For information contact the Norwegian Tourist Board Information Office, 20 Pall Mall, London SW1 (039 6255); Mon-Fri 11am-2pm.



Fine fare: Lobster on the menu

board on Christmas when she set sail for the Caribbean. In Temple Fielding's Worldwide Guide to Cruises - published by Columbus Books, price £10.95 and the Egon Ronay of the cruising world - VistaJord has earned herself a new category of "Five Star Plus", and after a glorious week at sea which made many on-shore holidays pale in comparison, I would not argue with that assessment.

As dry land. As other passengers may have noticed, I took much of my pleasure in the dining room where Chef Rudolf Sodamin's offerings were, inevitably, international but excellent. The extensive five-course dinner menu regularly features Maine lobsters, Norwegian smoked salmon and Russian caviare. But that is to start at the end of the day's eating. Mid-morning bouillabaisse, served on the deck, sustains the passengers between breakfast and lunch which can be taken from a buffet on deck as a tempting alternative to the dining room. And for those who take their revelling seriously there is a midnight buffet as well.

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EATING OUT

Jean Georges Vongerichten. Drawing by Francis Mosty



Star prize for team of formidable talent

After last week's report on a Michelin one-star chef we go to the top of the scale to sample a piece of three-star action

Opened in December 1981, Ninety Park Lane in the Grosvenor House was always intended to be the gourmet pinnacle of the Trust House Forte operation. No expense has been spared on the restaurant's decor and a similar approach has obviously been applied to the question of promotional menus and visits.

The programme culminated last October in the arrival at Ninety Park Lane of Louis Outlier, chef-proprietor of the spectacular L'Oasis restaurant at La Napoule near Cannes. Viewers of the recent television drama *Oxbridge Blues* might have glimpsed Ben Kingsley and Diane Keen, as a rich film-making couple, swanning around it.

More relevantly, L'Oasis has been awarded the top three-star rating by the Michelin guide every year since 1970. Although the guide's entries are functional (opening times, phone numbers) and contain a minimum of details - a short list of a restaurant's specialities is about all the colour one gets - the "stars" are both highly-prized and highly-respected.

The Michelin organization has a rigorously-trained board of inspectors and regular examinations of contenders for awards take place. Indeed, chefs may make appointments with the guide for day-long interviews and assessments of their progress toward stardom. Given this sort of system, the top-rating of L'Oasis for 15 consecutive years is testimony to its excellence.

Because of this, Outlier is in great demand all over the world and has moved on since creating the promotional menu at Ninety Park Lane. The day-to-day cooking is now in the hands of Jean Georges Vongerichten, Outlier's head chef at L'Oasis for the past five years. Vongerichten, from Alsace, is assisted by the pastry chef from L'Oasis, Alain Teillet, and together they make a formidable team.

In classic French style, Jean Georges was apprenticed to a kitchen at the age of 14 and later trained with one of the founders - of - contemporary French cuisine, Paul Bocuse. Now nearing 38, Jean Georges has, like his mentor, spent time in Bangkok and the occasional oriental flavour is found in his cooking - baby crawfish with turmeric cream for example.

The Outlier promotion has been such a success that it has now been extended until the end of February. The chance to sample such three-star food should not be missed but unless you're one of the "Frederic Raphael" film-makers the prices may make you blink. The cheapest options available are set three-course lunches at £15.50, £16.70 and £17.70, excluding wine. In the evenings when the panelled, sofa-clad

gentleman's club-like room is at its best the cheapest fixed-price menu, Menu Oasis is £29.

Thereafter you will find a six-course Menu Gourmet (£37) and an eight-course Menu Surprise (£45), as well as a la carte which is unlikely to be less than £30 a head for three courses. These are money-no-object prices to match the money-no-object cooking.

The menu is dotted with the most luxurious ingredients - Beluga caviar served with scrambled eggs and vodka cream (£12.50), pan-fried escallops of foie gras with mango and ginger (£24) and - another speciality from L'Oasis - brie stuffed with truffles (£3.50).

Generally speaking, the cooking more than justifies the prices. On the £29 menu a marbled slab of foie gras, sealed at the edges with jelly and green pepper, is so light it almost floats off the plate.

Among the hors d'oeuvres, the little brochettes of langoustines (£9.50) arrive in a light, almost pancake-like batter, floating in an oyster cream sauce and framed over shredded leeks which are themselves flecked with slices of truffle. It is an amazing combination of textures and tastes.

Other, less pricey, starters include quail slices in a quail cream flavoured with juniper berries (£4.50) and a Mediterranean fish soup flavoured with saffron. The star of the main courses is probably the whole sea-bass, cooked in butter pastry. At £25 for two we could only watch at a distance.

Among the entrées the fillet of beef served with a dark, rich sauce of Siltion and chives, appears on the £29 menu. Such is the tenderness of the slices it can be safely enjoyed by those who find too much meat overpowering. The fillet of rabbit, however, served as a rosé with courgettes and pears soaked in red wine, accompanied by a cream and thyme sauce, may be a little too "busy" for many palates.

Selections from the dessert trolley weigh in at £5.95, but you are encouraged to sample as many as etiquette will allow. They really are worth trying. Featherlight coffee mousse and layer-cake studded with nuts and flavoured with aniseed are recommended.

The excellence of the cooking from the Oasis team is awe-inspiring, but the Ninety Park Lane staff are affable and efficient and the imitation log-fires, flickering all around the room, take that chill off your wallet.

Stan Hey
Ninety Park Lane, Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London W1 (499 6365). Open: Mon-Fri 12.30pm-2.30pm (last orders); Mon-Sat 7.30pm-10.45pm (last orders).

Another Michelin-garlanded (two-stars) chef, Michel Trama from L'Aubergarde at Puymirol, near Agen, will be cooking at Hotel Intercontinental's La Southie restaurant at Hyde Park Corner from Mon until February 22. Reservations: 01-409 3131.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 566)

Prizes of the Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, February 14, 1985. Entries should be addressed to The Concise Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC9 9YT. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, February 16, 1985.

ACROSS

- 1 Total rejection (4,7)
- 9 Hairy (7)
- 10 Deep blue (5)
- 11 Pulse (3)
- 12 Metal oxide corrosion (4)
- 16 Uneven walk (4)
- 17 Anticipate (6)
- 18 Fidelity (4)
- 19 Myster (4)
- 21 Mass assistant (6)
- 22 Cargo space (4)
- 23 Moray Firth river (4)
- 25 Extra postscript (1,1,1)
- 28 Boredom (5)
- 29 Patch (7)
- 30 Studly speech (5,2,4)

DOWN

- 2 MCC HQ (5)
- 3 Garden tray (4)
- 4 Looked over (4)
- 5 Orkney freehold (4)
- 6 Insultingly rude (7)
- 7 Accusation form (6,5)
- 8 Watch over (4,2,3,2)
- 12 Wall niche (6)
- 14 Golf peg (3)
- 15 Maintenance (6)
- 19 Quiet (7)
- 20 Wife's title (3)
- 24 Medicine bottle (5)
- 25 Jem (4)
- 26 Stain (4)
- 27 Unruly child (4)

SOLUTION TO No 565
ACROSS: 1 SkyLab 5 Sights 8 Alp 9 Gluten 10 Elxir 11 Bank 12 Half time 14 Scrape 17 Wright 19 Jubilant 22 Mope 24 Finger 25 Oranish 26 Ago 27 Preity 28 Folder
DOWN: 2 Kalpa 3 Latakia 4 Bansthe 5 Spell 6 Ghint 7 Triumph 13 For 15 Courier 16 Pal 18 Wiltful 18 Immortal 20 Justo 21 Aray 23 Paste

The winners of prize concise No 560 are: W. R. Bryman, 5 Perry Close, Rainham, Essex; and Mrs J. Fullerton, 8 Ronald Park Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

SOLUTION TO No 560 (last Saturday's prize concise)
ACROSS: 1 Captivation 9 Essence 10 Opem 11 Wad 13 Axis 16 Bask 17 Elapse 18 Cant 20 Fete 21 Coerce 22 Maul 23 Dix 25 Mad 26 Noose 28 Instate 30 Gatecrasher
DOWN: 2 Assai 3 Tend 4 View 5 Trod 6 Operate 7 Debauchment 8 Backbencher 12 Assori 14 Set 15 Pagoda 19 Neurotoma 20 Fed 24 Inane 25 Mere 26 Dior 27 Isis

IN THE GARDEN

Glossy treats about the bush

The first rhododendron is believed to have been brought to this country in 1636, but it was not until Joseph Hooker explored the Himalayas in the mid-19th century that the impulse to cultivate these beautiful shrubs took hold.

The west coast of Scotland is a perfect habitat for rhododendrons. Their vivid flowers and dark green, glossy foliage provide a glorious sight in summer, when they have been warmed by the Gulf Stream and had a generous amount of rain. But if you pick the right type of rhododendron, select a good site and prepare the ground well, you will be able to grow plants in your garden which will flower during the dull winter months.



Stammers: Rhododendrons in flower in the gardens of Stonefield Castle, Strathclyde

Almost all rhododendrons do better in soils which have a low lime content, in other words about pH 4 to 5. But one which will tolerate lime is *Rhododendron hirsutum*. This does not mean it will thrive where the soil is very chalky or where the pH rises above 7.5, for even *hirsutum* prefers a soil below pH 6.

The ideal soil for rhododendrons is a well-drained but acidic sandy loam. Good drainage is important. Do not attempt to establish rhododendrons on ground which holds too much water. Sandy soil can be improved by adding acid peat and leaf mould which increase its ability to hold moisture. Peaty soils are good for this family but sometimes hold too much water. You can try building up mounds of suitable soils and then plant the rhododendrons directly into them.

Evergreens are usually best planted during the late winter/early spring or in September. Rhododendrons, with their tightly knit root ball, are easier to move during the dormant season than most evergreens and so can be planted or transplanted during this time. Should the weather then become dry, keep the foliage sprayed and apply a mulch to retain the soil moisture.

Rhododendrons usually flower early and need to be protected from early morning sun as this can scorch flowers which are still frosted. They like light shade and should be planted under a high canopy of trees. Most rhododendrons are perfectly hardy and do not require protection from cold or frost, but they dislike cold drying winds as much as having dry roots.

early flowers is *Rhododendron mucronulatum*, usually at its best at the end of January and through February. It is one of the few deciduous rhododendrons and can be covered with rosy purple flowers at the ends of shoots. Eventually it may grow to about 6ft, but the majority are 4ft high. Do not plant in an exposed position.

Rhododendron moupinense is much smaller and does not begin to flower until February. It is an ideal plant for a rock garden or in a tub, is an evergreen and spreads more than its height. The flowers are quite big, white to pink in colour with some red blotches.

Rhododendron leucaspis, which is shorter than *R. moupinense* and spreads less. It tends to flower over a period rather than produce an eye-catching display at any given time. The flowers are white with distinct brown anthers but are susceptible to frost and the plant should be grown in a cold greenhouse or frame.

My final suggestion for February flowering is *Rhododendron litseacens*, also evergreen but a somewhat straggly shrub which can grow 10ft tall. As its name implies, the flowers are yellow and carried in pairs or singly at the ends of the shoots with long stamens.

Another variety evergreen is

Dracaenas are among the finest of foliage plants, which are of great value in winter when the variety of flowering plants is limited. But it is essential to follow a strict discipline with watering. In winter they should be kept as dry as possible, without letting them dry out. There should be enough moisture to sustain them, but no excess water in the soil. In summer they should be well watered and fed regularly, but not allowed to stand in water. Early spring and late autumn watering should progress from very dry to moist and from moist to semi-dry respectively. Humid conditions are needed in summer. Dracaenas are best grown in soil based composts such as John Innes No 2, which must be supplemented by feeding in summer. Keep based composts are too light. Keep them in as small a pot as possible: 7-10in.

Among the best varieties are *clavata*, which has sword-like leaves up to 18in long, on a plant which grows to 4ft. The leaves are green with two longitudinal silver stripes. *D. Massangeana*, another lovely plant, has a gold band down the centre of the leaf.

All the varieties making good house plants; to keep the colour in the leaves, grow them in good light but out of direct sunlight.

Bean feast

Despite the weather it is time to think about the coming season's crop. Broad beans, for instance, are hardy and can be sown this month once the soil has dried out sufficiently.

Because broad beans are prone to soil borne diseases which can make the crop a complete failure, do not grow them on the same piece of ground for a second year. A fairly rich soil, manured for a previous crop, suits them well. Work the soil and make sure it breaks down nicely with no large wet lumps. The earliest sowing will get a better start if the site is somewhat protected but later

sowings, to give successional crops, need less protection.

Broad beans are amenable to most soil but prefer it to be on the acid side of neutral. Earlier crops can be raised from sowings made under cloches or cold frames where the soil is warmer and less affected by weather.

Sow seed about 2in deep, on light soil, 1 1/2in on heavier soils. I prefer to mark out the rows of staggered seeds about 8in apart. Make sure you push seed right into the bottom of the hole so there is no air space beneath it.

Varieties for this sowing are Dreaughton, Imperial Green Windsor or Hydr, from the reputable seed firms.

Colour in the cold

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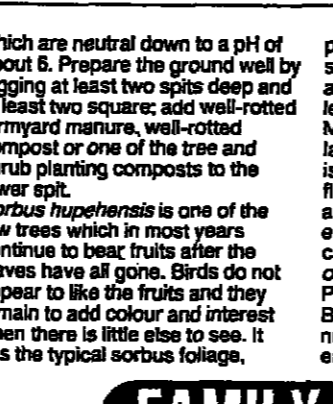


Hardy: Broad beans, which can be sown this month.

Street wise

Sorbus hupenhensis is from the same family of trees as the Mountain Ash (*Sorbus aucuparia*). *Sorbus hupenhensis*, a small to medium size tree which may reach 50ft, fits well into all but small gardens because it is somewhat upright in habit. They are not demanding in their requirements and for this reason they are good trees for streets and small front gardens. The need a soil in good heart and one which retains moisture. They will accept soils

which are neutral down to a pH of about 6. Prepare the ground well by digging at least two spits deep and at least two square; add well-rotted farmyard manure, well-rotted compost or one of the tree and shrub planting composts to the lower spit. *Sorbus hupenhensis* is one of the few trees which in most years continue to bear fruits after the leaves have all gone. Birds do not appear to like the fruits and they remain to add colour and interest when there is little else to see. It has the typical sorbus foliage,



Plants are available from Bridgwater, Notours or Hilliers nurseries and will cost about £17 each for standards.

Outings

SOAPBOX CHILDREN'S THEATRE: For the under-7s. *Pass the Parcel*, the adventures of a birthday present on its way across town. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (748 3354). Today, 12.30pm. Admission 50p.

DAUGHTER: Chosen by the Young Vic to begin International Youth Year, this promises to be an excellent production of the play, first performed by students on a tour of English universities in 1960. Matthew Marsh plays Hansel. Michael Cronin (known to Grange Hill viewers as the PE teacher, Baxter) plays Pontius. The Young Vic, 66 The Cut, London SE1 (928 6363). Today and Mon-Sat at 7pm; Wed, Fri at 1.30pm. until Mar 31. Tickets £2.50, £3.95.



Action station: All aboard an engine at the Old Kent Road

FAMILY LIFE

Teaming up with friendly firefighters

"When I grow up I want to be a fireman," announced Tom to his granny. "Why so?" she asked. "Because," Tom said, "it's fun saving people and playing snooker." His grandmother raised her eyebrows. "A friend of mine went to see a fire station and they had a brilliant snooker table..." the lad continued, reading his grandmother's mind.

It was interesting to hear a child of the 1980s expressing an ambition that his father and grandfather might have shared. But playing with fire and dreaming of snooker is one thing; the realities of the job are another. Since many fire stations have open days and will be happy to arrange group visits of up to 15 people, we decided to organize a trip to one of the London Fire Brigade's 114 stations, the Old Kent Road.

There are 11 divisions within the London Brigade; our party, which included two girls and three boys aged between 9 and 13, was met by the head of one of them, Divisional Officer Lambel, accompanied by Station Officer Green, and the firemen on the Saturday morning watch. There are four watches at the station with 13 men assigned to each, of whom a minimum of eight must be on duty at any one time.

Introductions over, Mr Lambel was called to the telephone to discover how one of the men from another brigade was faring after an injury received earlier that morning. "What happened?" asked one of the girls.

"Big gash in his leg on a job, stitches, but he'll live," Mr Lambel replied. "Sometimes unavoidable accidents happen, but all fire fighters are part of a team and in an emergency that teamwork really counts. Knowing you can always rely on your colleagues is critical."

To demonstrate that teamwork, Mr Green and his men told us we could watch a drill, a normal daily event at the fire station. There was to be a simulated fire in a fire-storey tower built in the station yard. From the moment the alarm sounded, the men would be at "action stations" - arriving at the scene to "rescue" two men trapped on the upper floors and put out the "fire" simultaneously.

Just as the drill was about to begin, a red light came on in the control room, alarm bells rang throughout the station, and the computer printed out details of the emergency - a fire in a scrap yard across the borough.

We watched the men go into action at a speed that astounded us. (A crack firefighting crew reckons 60 seconds is the maximum time from the moment the alarm rings until the team leaves the station in a fully equipped vehicle - even if the men are out of uniform, relaxing.) Some 20 minutes later the men returned, the emergency dealt with. "Right", Mr Green said, "now we'll do that drill for you."

After the drill, the firefighters (as they prefer to be called) let the children put on part of the uniform, sit up behind the wheel of the fire engine, handle the hoses and try on the special breathing apparatus (effective but extremely heavy to carry) which the men may have to wear.

They answered the many questions which the children, now very much at ease, put to them and showed them the lighter side of a fire station - the well-equipped gym and the canteen, where the men can relax.

We were told the minimum requirements needed to become a recruit with the London Fire Brigade: age 18-30 (up to 34 if you have been in the armed services), good health with sound hearing and good eyesight (you may not join if you wear glasses), height not less than 5ft 6in and a chest measurement not less than 36in - with a minimum 2in expansion - and if they seek promotion, they must take a series of aptitude tests and they take a series of examinations.

It says much for the men at the Old Kent Road fire station that by the end of the morning we had three potential recruits in our group, one a girl. They did not glamorize the job, and it was the team spirit that impressed the children more than the sense of danger, this was because the men exemplified rather than preached camaraderie and high spirits.

Judy Froshaug
Contact your regional Fire Brigade headquarters, or your local fire station to arrange visits. In London, telephone 582 4064 ext 637 for further information.

MILTON KEYNES FESTIVAL:

Street and leisure centre performances by the Original Mixture Theatre, Di Seaney's *Judy & Punch* and a family concert by the Milton Keynes Chamber Orchestra at the Stantonbury Theatre this evening at 7pm. Many other family shows and concerts. Milton Keynes, today until Feb 16. For details telephone 0908 679200.

ROAD RACING & SUPERBIKE SHOW:

Top American motorcycleist Randy Mamola and British star Ron Haslam will be at the show launching the 1985 Grand Prix bikes and team, answering questions and signing autographs. Alexandra Pavilion, Alexandra Park, London, N8. Thurs-noon-5pm, Fri and Feb 10 10am-noon. Adult 25, child £1.

BRIDGE

Stifled under the security blanket

Tournament bridge today is barely recognizable as the largely informal but invariably decorous game we played 20 years ago. Some of the innovations are restricted to bridge at the summit, others have become established as part of the duplicate game at all levels.

Unquestionably the introduction of screens provoked the most controversy. These devices are clamped on the table, dividing it in such a way that the players sitting West and South are on one side, while East and North are positioned on the other. The object is to prevent players from seeing their partners' faces.

Their first appearance in international competition was not without humour. The occasion was the World Championship in Bermuda in 1975. The Americans, who had frequently expressed their doubts about some of the Italian players, felt the screens would enable them to establish their supremacy.

If the atmosphere was frosty at the outset, it soon warmed up when one of the less renowned Italian pairs were accused of exchanging signals with their feet. After the usual brouhaha, the World Bridge Federation delivered the customary inconclusive verdict. Unable to find any correlation between the kicks under the table and the bidding and play, they reprimanded the Italian pair and found them "guilty of improper foot movements". Blocks were placed under the tables to avoid any further communication.

The Americans, who lost to the Italians once more, found the verdict a trifle unsatisfactory.

Ironically, more recent alleged attempts to thwart the screens have occurred in the United States. Pencils, coughs and sneezes were apparently the means of penetrating the security blanket.

Bidding boxes which enable the players to bid without speaking have fewer detractors. As the use of screens is largely restricted to international events, it has no widespread influence. That cannot be said for two more general "advances".

The first is the so-called "alert" procedure. If your partner makes a conventional bid you are supposed to say "Alert", or tap - the table. Whether the idea has any merit is debatable. But what concerns me is the effect that this rule has on players who are new to tournament bridge. Unaware of their obligations, they fail to tap. Their opponents scream for the tournament director, and the poor newcomers are made to feel the miscreants facing the scornful rebuke of a liverish magistrate.

Perhaps the most insidious of all these new-fangled laws is the "stop" procedure. A player who intends to make a jump bid warns his opponents by saying "Stop!" or "Skip bid!" The next player is then required to pause for about 10 seconds, and give

no indication of whether the barrage has caused him any inconvenience or not.

Employed by experienced internationals, the idea is fine in theory. In practice, ordinary bridge players are incapable of making their discomfort, and when they have no problem it is plain for the world to see; in my opinion, it is a bad law, because it requires a player to be a good actor, which is very little to do with bridge.

This hand comes from New Zealand's match against Mexico in last year's Olympiad. It probably required all John Wignall's histrionic ability to preserve a poker face when he saw his partner's unpromising hand appear as dummy.

New Zealand v Mexico. Game all. Dealer West.

♠ AK73		♠ 10862	
♠ AK984		♠ 753	
♠ A10		♠ 855	
♠ Q9		♠ 10	
♠ KQ1073		♠ 855	
♠ 1553		♠ 72	
♠ J86		♠ 10862	
♠ 107		♠ 753	
♠ 854		♠ 855	
♠ K864		♠ 72	

I suspect that Wignall had taken his partner's repeat cue bids to confirm a two sultan. Certainly that would have been my construction.

The lead of OK immediately reduced dummy's trumps to three. The slam required a slice of luck; it also needed considerable skill. I received both. Wignall cashed the ♠AK, felling West's ♠Q. When the ♠A produced the ♠Q from West, Wignall paused to consider. Foreseeing the danger that East would refuse to ruff the fifth and sixth hearts, disposing of his clubs instead, Wignall cashed the ♠KQ before ruffing the hearts. This was the four card ending:

♠ 7		♠ 108	
♠ A		♠ 753	
♠ K		♠ 855	
♠ Q		♠ 10	
♠ J		♠ 855	
♠ 8		♠ 72	

When Wignall played a heart, East was powerless. If he ruffed, Wignall would overruff and play a club. East would make only one trump. If he discarded, he would only postpone his fate. Oddly, the contract in the other room was also six spades. But the Mexican declared obviously lacked Wignall's skill in the play. He lost control of the hand and finished three down, for a hefty swing for New Zealand.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

In line to the throne

It is a favourite hobby of those of us interested in youthful chess to study the question of who among today's young talents is most likely to develop into a world champion.

Two circumstances make the final choice extremely difficult: the game is now so popular among the young that candidates for the world title come "not in single spies but in battalions"; and talents tend to ripen to maturity much sooner than they did 50 years ago.

In the days of Alekhine and Capablanca, the age at which a player reached the peak of his powers was the early forties. It should be said, however, that Capa was clearly marked out for world championship honours in his early teens and so, in one way, belongs to the present era.

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Threatening 20 BxN, BxB

21 QxP ch K-R1 22 Q-R7 mate.
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Harry Golombek

are Oleg Romashin, whose play so enraged spectators at Hastings a few years ago, and Kurt Hansen, the present junior world champion.

Here is a fine example of his play in last year's junior world championship.

White K. Hansen, Black K. Gorgiev. QGD Semi-Tarrasch Defence.

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	2 N-KB3	P-K3
3 P-B4	P-B4	4 P-K3	P-Q4
5 P-P3	P-P3	6 P-P3	P-P3
7 P-K3	P-K3	8 P-K3	P-K3
9 P-K3	P-K3	10 P-K3	P-K3
11 P-K3	P-K3	12 P-K3	P-K3
13 P-K3	P-K3	14 P-K3	P-K3
15 P-K3	P-K3	16 P-K3	P-K3

The main line runs P-K4, NxN 7 PxN, but clearly Hansen prefers a more restrained type of development.

6 ... P-K3 7 B-N3 P-P3
8 P-K3 P-K3 9 P-K3 P-K3
10 P-K3 P-K3 11 P-K3 P-K3
12 P-K3 P-K3 13 P-K3 P-K3
14 P-K3 P-K3 15 P-K3 P-K3

Otherwise White's attack proceeds at an alarming rate with 13 P-R5 followed by Q-R4.

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Paperbacks of the month

Eastern potentates

This is an "instant" book, timed to cash in on public interest in India in the wake of Mrs Gandhi's assassination and the Bhopal tragedy. Unfortunately, it is also something of a rushed job - with the stoniness, lack of clarity and...

The Nehrus and the Gandhis, An Indian Dynasty by Tariq Ali (Penguin, £2.50)

India Company and was probably seen as having an "Indian connection". The real reason was almost certainly Clement Attlee's already proven skill as a committee man.

Nehru's years in power, non-alignment, the Sino-Indian conflict and the development of the Indian economy are all briefly, and fairly efficiently, discussed.

Ali clearly admires Nehru's political idealism and commitment to democracy. He also effectively absolves Nehru of any attempt to encourage a dynastic succession.

The section on Mrs Gandhi is useful - partly, no doubt, 'Mrs Gandhi's blatant populism led to her considerable popularity'

because Ali actually interviewed her shortly before her death (although, on the basis of his quotations, it can't have been an extended audience). His unimpressed childhood, and her admiration of her mother, Kamala, is instructive. What emerges is that Mrs Gandhi was, despite her education in England and Switzerland, quite simply more Indian than her father.

If her childhood (she idolized Joan of Arc) accounted for her strength of character and purpose, then the early loss of her mother and, later, her husband, Feroze Gandhi (according to Ali, an unconventional and outspoken man, whom she treated somewhat cruelly) ensured that she would be devoted to her two children. Her inherent mistrust of others determined that she would come to depend on them.

As one might expect from Tariq Ali, the book is frequently tendentious and he makes considerable play of Nehru's early flirtation with Marxism. Nor can he resist the temptation of occasional asides about the nature of religion, revolution and mass movements.

On occasions, the narrative borders on the crass, as when talking about the composition of the 1927 Simon Commission: "One of the Labour MPs was a man called C. R. Attlee, who had been educated at a public school established by the East...

Clearly, Mrs Gandhi had a far less developed belief in democracy than her father. Ali cites an early example of her tendency to put "pragmatism before principle" when, as president of the Congress Party in 1959, she helped topple the duly elected Communist government of Kerala. It is also apparent that whether or not Nehru consciously groomed her for succession, she was, by dint of sophistication, resourcefulness and political skill, at least as fitted as any of her rivals to become prime minister after Shastri's death in 1966. Her blatant populism (nationalizing the banks, abolishing privy purses) and her pursuit of the Bangladesh war led to her considerable popularity in the early 1970s - but it also allowed her dictatorial side to emerge.

More than anything else, what this book outlines is the decline in the idealism and quality of India's political leaders - accompanied by moral and financial corruption, on a grand scale. Mrs Gandhi herself both contributed to, and in no short measure used, the changing moral climate to turn a blind eye to and, more blatantly, to promote the interests of her son Sanjay and his unsavoury henchmen.

Apart from revealing, rather gossipy, biographical sketches of Sanjay and Rajiv (who once again emerges as relatively untainted) the latter part of the book really amounts to an analysis of current Indian politics - uncomfortably tied to Ali's dynasty theme. In particular, he speculates fruitfully on why Bhindranwale was allowed two years to turn the Sikh Golden Temple into an armed fortress. His critical appraisal of the Indian scene might have been better left to another, better considered, book.

Anwar Bati



Western workers

The colliers of his native Yorkshire may be practically at a standstill after 11 months of strike, but the Scargill industry is working flat out. There is strong competition among the scribblers to prove that Britain can still produce the deepest cheap-mining clichés in the world.

Scargill and the Miners by Michael Crick (Penguin, £2.50)

Scargill and the Miners by Michael Crick, a Channel 4 news reporter, is a far enough representation of the media's obsession with the man rather than the union and its members. The layout of the title pages suggests that "the miners" are something of an afterthought, while the blurb argues within the National Union of Mineworkers was "a young man who almost singlehandedly masterminded a programme of political awareness and union militancy".

It is that kind of big game that has created misunderstanding and confusion about the greatest social conflict in this country since the General Strike of 1926. Sometimes it has been plain error, in other quarters, it appears to have been deliberately fostered to defeat the strike. It is also to sell books, of course.

But the need to pander to the media's image of the NUM has made it substantially more difficult for Crick to concentrate his considerable talents on investigating and evaluating the real causes of the current conflict.

Instead, we have such trivia as "there is evidence that Scargill was badly bullied at school" and cloak-and-dagger stuff about which half in Barnsley the nascent Yorkshire Left used to meet in during the late 1960s. Crick has done a good job ferreting through the

newspaper files for details on Scargill the man, though he only admits to having had a "conversation with him - despite acknowledging interviews with many people who maintain a pathological hatred of the miners' president.

For all that, Scargill and the Miners is a useful primer on the politics of the most fascinating trade union operating in Britain over the last 50 years. Crick correctly charts the deep divisions between the NUM areas, and devotes a particularly useful chapter to the Nottinghamshire coalfield and the tradition of "Spencerism".

In the end, however, the trouble with instant books is not that they unashamedly seek

'The media's obsession with Arthur Scargill has created confusion'

- to cash in on the market (which is understandable enough) but that they rush to judgement - or even worse, as in this case, to more than one judgement. After commenting that "as the return to work reached significant numbers... the outcome looked increasingly like defeat for the NUM", Crick goes on to argue: "If 1984 is seen to be a victory for the NUM, it will give the union a new confidence, and will be seen to justify militant action and a refusal to compromise... Victory would give Arthur Scargill himself heretofore status within the labour movement."

He then counter-argues: "If 1984 is seen as a defeat, pits will be closed on the grounds that they are uneconomic, and probably on a far larger scale than originally intended. Scargill will want defeat avenged, but it may be many more years

before his membership is prepared to back him." Why does the outcome of the conflict have to be either of these mutually exclusive events? The history of the Labour movement is a comprehensive record of shabby compromises with very few clear-cut victories or defeats. Generally speaking, they only exist in the fantasies of the politicians and the editors of the popular press.

It is far more likely that the mineworkers will be compelled under duress to accept a procedure that binds them to acceptance of the closure of uneconomic pits, but that the NUM will survive intact in something like its present form.

The miners are proud, resilient people; they will pick themselves up again. In the clubs of south Yorkshire just now the adage on most pitmen's lips is "you can take a horse to water, but you can't make it drink", delivered with a knowing look. They mean that they will go back, but there will not be much enthusiasm for work.

Crick is on surer ground in his assessment of the role of the working miners' committees. These, he correctly points out, form the embryo of a national breakaway union; at the very least, they will act as a rallying point for opposition to the present leadership when the elections for branch, area and national office begin next month. Fear on this score has played a powerful part in the pressure on miners' leaders to come to a deal with the National Coal Board. It is a fear that for once unites the Left and the centre-right on the NUM national executive.

Scargill and the Miners will provide a much useful information for those who do not know the industry well. Those who do, it is a sad, missed opportunity. Paul Routledge

Medieval battle of the sexes

Non-fiction

The Treasure of the City of Ladies, or the Book of the Three Virtues by Christine de Pisan, translated with an introduction by Sarah Lawson (Penguin Classics, £2.95)

By an inappropriate or extravagant outfit you give another woman the occasion of sinning, either in envious whispering or in a desire to dress above her station. So, says Christine de Pisan in this fascinating, somewhat misogynist, early feminist work. Christine was born in 1365 in Venice, went to the court of Charles V in France, where her father was court physician and astrologer, and was left as a young widow with three children, her mother, and a niece to support. She took to writing lyric poetry, and became the only professional woman writer of her time.

Almost all our evidence of medieval life was written by men. Christine gives the other side. Two of her principal

concerns were peace, a rare commodity in that calamitous century, and the role of women in society. In this book, last published in French in 1336, and never before published in English, she addresses all women of all ages, from the aristocrats at the royal court to prostitutes. She takes a moral, but unresentful and down-to-earth view of woman, with a nice dry sense of humour.

The Knight, the Lady, and the Priest by George Duby, translated by Barbara Bray (Penguin, £5.95)

This famous book, first published in French in 1981, excavates the origins of our modern notions of marriage in the records of the Middle Ages. Until the Middle Ages, a priest was allowed a wife, and any number of concubines; a king might marry his first cousin; and a nobleman could banish his wife if she did not produce him a son.

Marriage was an instrument of control. Then the Church

took it over and changed the fabric of life in medieval Europe, creating many of the laws and conventions about matrimony that we assume have been around since the New Testament. When marriage was made one of the Church's sacraments, the chaos of abductions gave way to the rituals of courtly love; rigorous definitions of incest forced the ruling class to hunt far afield for a spouse who was not a relative; and the new oath of consent curbed the tyranny of husbands over wives and fathers over daughters.

From the romances and chronicles, from the monastic cartularies and religious drama, Duby recreates this vanished world torn by conflicts, between young men and old, married priests and celibate priests, disaffected heretics and the wicked world, and, of course, finally, Christine de Pisan's war between men and women.

Philip Howard

Women on the warpath

Fiction

Women against violence against Women (Onlywomen Press, £4.95)

This disturbing book is a collection of papers from three recent feminist conferences. An underlying current of anger pulses through many of them, not just at the relatively familiar problems of wife battering, rape and incest, but at the way women are constantly expected to live up to ideals defined by men for their own gratification.

The analysis that all male violence is, in fact, part of what society accepts as normal, leads to papers exploring the potential violence of mixed wards in hospital, of the gynaecological and obstetric professions, and of the sex therapy techniques now in use for "curing" some women of their sex problems. Pat Healy

Survivors in a cruel and evil world

Fiction

The Seizure of Power by Czeslaw Milosz (Abacus, £2.75)

This is Milosz's first novel (originally published in 1953) which is set amid the chaos of Poland in 1944, German occupation is collapsing in a heap of bitterness and evil memories. The Polish resistance is smouldering into life and the Red Army is moving in. The people of Warsaw have prayed for liberation and liberation has come in the shape of a new occupation. Milosz describes the activities of various individuals, as their lives thread in and out of the debris of this stage of Polish history.

The story is anecdotal and the various threads are carefully strung together. The only trouble is that the author assumes his reader has both a close and a sophisticated knowledge of Polish affairs at that time, and makes connections which many English readers

may find difficult to pick up. It is a powerful and complex story.

Bigwater by Jane Gardam (Abacus, £2.50)

This is a growing-up story which is funny and gentle and affectionate. It is about a girl who sets out in life with every possible disadvantage. Her mother dies when she is born. As a child she is orange-haired, cross-eyed and dyslexic. Added to this she has to live in a boys' boarding school where her father is a rather bewildered housemaster. The boys there call her Bigwater.

From this unpromising beginning she slowly blossoms, through sheer wit and good sense, into beauty, scholarship, love and worldly success. Perhaps it is the absurdity of the school background which makes the story appealing, or perhaps it is the way it recalls some of the monstrous anxieties of adolescence and then knocks them down to size.

Secret Lives by E. F. Benson (Hogarth Press, £3.95)

Take a London square. Take a selection of the sort of people who might have lived around it in the 1920s and then throw in a new arrival who writes popular romances under a pseudonym. Set them up with all their little gentilities and then watch the difference between what people are and what they pretend to be.

E. F. Benson delights in the twitching of a lace curtain, the mannerisms that aren't quite right. He constructs each scene in great detail, making it both secret and exposed so that the reader is made to feel almost like a voyeur. He is very funny about the niceties of social snobbery, about gossip column mentality and about what sort of behaviour to expect from a perfect butler. His observations manage to be both aloof and intimate at the same time.

The Ivory Swing by Janette T. Hospital (Sphere, £1.95) Juliet, who has always felt most

at home among the streets and subways of Montreal, suddenly finds herself bringing up two small children in an isolated village in South India. She longs for a career girl's freedom and yet chooses the constraints of full time wife and motherhood. Her husband is able to see India through the eyes of a tourist scholar, but she looks upon it with an exasperation rooted in her particular type of western feminism.

Her situation is paralleled in the life of a young Indian widow living on a nearby estate. She also wants both to keep, and to escape from, her family cage and her efforts to resolve this lead to her tragic death.

On one level this is a careful study of the problems which face any woman who tries to cross the cultural divide between India and the West; on another it is about the choices all women must make between different sorts of freedom. Anne Barnes

GALLERIES

Cornish cornucopia: Sarah Jane Checkland admires the artistic tradition of St Ives and Julia Clarke sees what is on offer there now

Influence and intrigue in cottages and kilns

The place: London. The date: August 1939. The cast: a married couple, both artist-sophisticates, preparing to flee the war-threatened city. They are Ben Nicholson (1894-1982) and Barbara Hepworth (1903-1975). They try without success to persuade their friend and fellow artist Mondrian to join them. Their destination is a tiny fishing village at the southernmost tip of England: St Ives. They arrive there with their five-year-old triplets on August 25.

An exhibition, St Ives 1939-1964, which opens on Wednesday at the Tate Gallery, is the first major survey of the art produced in the subsequent 25 years, when St Ives was a world centre of abstract art. The show includes more than 270 works, by 50 artists.

Flashback to the 1890s. The picturesque Cornish shore has already been discovered, and is crowded with artists at work. They send up to 300 paintings by special train each year to the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. With some notable exceptions, paintings produced at St Ives had always been conventional, what the exhibition organizer, David Brown, likens to "advertis for kipper paste", sturdy fishermen hauling their nets, women gutting fish.

For this exhibition, Brown has started with modernism in St Ives, in a show which combines craft - and the pottery of Bernard Leach in particular - with art. Nearly all the painters represented (including Patrick Heron, Aase Egede, Sandra Sless) came originally from elsewhere. Naum Gabo, the great Constructivist who lived there from 1939-46, came from the Soviet Union.

from imagination and memory, and using boat paint on scraps of cardboard from the grocer, he produced an extraordinary oeuvre of naive fishing scenes.

Ben Nicholson had stumbled upon Wallis on a visit to St Ives in 1928, in a bizarre meeting of ways now elevated to the status of an history. Instead of thinking Wallis's work quaint, through it Nicholson found ways of improving his own.

During the 1940s, as the war proceeded, Nicholson and Hepworth produced some of their finest work. Nicholson's paintings combine abstract and figurative elements, as in "St Ives" (1943), where a cubist-style jug is shown on a window ledge, overlooking a harbour

St Ives 1939-64 is at the Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (821 1313) from Wed until Apr 14, Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm.

The St Ives Tradition is at the Montpelier Studio, 4 Montpelier Street, London SW7 (584 0687) until Feb 27, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Cornwall 1925-1975 is at Michael Parkin Fine Art, 11 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (235 8144) until Mar 16, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

filled with Wallis-style boats. Hepworth, fully abstract, developed her distinctive pierced hole motif and wire threading, as seen in "Pelagos" (1946).

Meanwhile, the avant-garde artists found themselves the subject of friction within the community. During the war, four locals were particularly suspicious of Bernard Leach (resident there since the 1920s) because a Japanese potter had helped him build his special kiln.

Criticism came more vociferously from fellow artists, entrenched members of the St Ives Society of Artists, founded in 1927. One wrote in the Western Echo in 1946: "This modern racket started in France; it rotted French art - in France it is now dead... Young

men drop it - get back to work and sweet sanity".

Not surprisingly a splinter group including Hepworth, Nicholson and Leach left the St Ives society and formed their own: the Penwith Society of Arts. Soon, however, this was also hampered by in-fighting. In 1940 Hepworth actually resigned in a fit of pique, but was persuaded to stay after all.

In what is largely new research from local newspapers and minutes from meetings, Brown has produced a catalogue, with a fascinating detailed chronology of "all the argy-bargies" over the years.

The catalogue also includes a rather breathless chronicle of events which took place in St Ives between 1947 and 1950, written by David Lewis, a young poet.

He describes Barbara Hepworth taking to chop, peas, boiled potatoes and salad "without offering us any", and engaging him in a fascinating conversation about "the insideness of landscape, the thrusts of sea into land, the endless rubbing of wind on rock... waiting for the artist composer to set them into new configurations". He describes Ben Nicholson more as a listener, "his head on one side like a cocky sparrow", coming to life for a wild game of ping-pong.

Another person who can remember Nicholson's passion for ball games is his daughter Rachel Nicholson. Her work can be seen and bought at The St Ives Tradition, a show by artists still working there (Maurice Sumray, John Emanuel and Tom Cross) as well as many of the artists of the 1940s, 50s and 60s.

Finally, to prove St Ives has really come to town, there is a show entitled Cornwall 1925-1975 at Michael Parkin Fine Art. Fifty artists are represented including two more Nicholsons, Wynneff (Ben's first wife) and Kate, their daughter.



Artist and abstraction: Barbara Hepworth at her home in St Ives, now a museum

One important exception was Alfred Wallis, whose works Brown thinks will "seal the show". A retired rag-and-bone man, Wallis took up painting in 1923, aged 66, "for company" when his wife died. Working

MUNCH AND THE WORKERS: Large, powerful pictures on the theme of labour, first shown last year at Newcastle Polytechnic. Also Tradition and Renewal, contemporary art in East Glamorgan. Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (538 4141). From Thurs until Apr 8, Tues-Sat 10am-6.45pm, Sun noon-5.45.

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SYLVIA EDWARDS AND SHIRIN GOLESTANEH: Paintings by mother and daughter, the mother producing decorative abstract work with suggestions of flowers and sun, the daughter contributing figurative work such as a figure running. Christopher Hull Gallery, 17 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (235 0500). From Thurs until Mar 9, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

Strong contrasts in porcelain and paint

Echoes of the great artists who lived there linger in St Ives. Bernard Leach's pottery is still open. Barbara Hepworth's sculptures are dotted about the town, and a visit to the museum which has been made from her studio and garden will reward you with the sight of 18 bronzes and three large stone carvings.

Today a vigorous artists' colony produces a substantial amount of work. Fifty artists belong to the Penwith Society of Arts which stipulates that its members live and work in the region. All the original studios along Porthmeor Beach are in full use today. The cobble streets and harbour views, the palm trees and the soft light over the bay are unchanged.

Four times a year, the Penwith Gallery puts on a mixed selling exhibition of its members' work. A small section is devoted to items priced at less than £100. Recently this has included examples of Paul Mount's linear polished metal sculptures, some Janet Leach thumb pots, Kathy McNally nudes in charcoal, and abstract paintings from Jane O'Malley, June Miles and John Wells.

In the main gallery, the pervading influences of landscape and sea have determined the subject of much of the work. "Sea Blues" by Margo Macceelbergh, for example, painted in shades of green and turquoise with a squirt of white spray reflects one mood, while Kate Nicholson's "Turgid Night" is a strong interpretation of a threatening storm.

The Salthouse Gallery, owned by John Devereux, shows his primary-coloured abstracts and water colours by Charles Howard which employ a delightfully free use of brush strokes to capture scenes of sailing in the harbour, gulls on the wing and deck chair canvas blustering in the breeze. Prices start at £35 for a small painting.



Potted art: A jar by Shoji Hamada, on show at the Tate

Leman, a newcomer to the local artists' community, and pieces by Max Barrett, who is carrying on the tradition of sculpture in Cornish Delabole slate, favoured by Hepworth for carving. Barrett's curved, dark pieces, oval or fruit-like in shape, are priced at around £90.

All the paintings in the New Craftsman, the craft shop and gallery in Fore Street, are by Cornish-based painters. The famous St Ives School names are represented: Ben Nicholson, Patrick Heron, Alfred Wallis and Andrew Lanyon, at prices from about £50 to £2,000. Of the current generation Richard Ayling's tranquil water-colour seascapes (from £75) are a pleasing contrast in style with Bryan Pearce's subtle crayon drawings (from £100).

Gallery owner "Boots" Redgrave encourages the experimental element in the artists' community and she has Lieke Rieman's boxed paintings and Tony O'Malley's textural abstracts (£400). Weaving, wood carving and sculpture are also on show. The gallery is well endowed with ceramics and examples of Bernard and Janet Leach, Shoji Hamada, are for sale, and occasionally pots from Lucie Rich and Hans Copier. Mary Rich uses lustre glazes on porcelain with impressed decoration, and John Ward makes curved bowls and vases with bands of cool colour, priced at around £100.

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FILMS



Bizarre bath water and black humour

The cinema has come up with more than 40 versions of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of Dr Jekyll and his murderous alter ego Mr Hyde. It is a challenge that has attracted actors from Conrad Veidt to John Barrymore...

Deep emotions stirred by a child's death

Those whose hearts sink at the mention of Ibsen may not even contemplate a visit to the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, where Little Eyolf opens next week.

Christopher Warman previews a revival of Ibsen

from a literal translation, he has almost totally rewritten it, having learnt Norwegian and realized how many nuances had been missed. However difficult it was to translate, Miss Rigg insists that it is not a difficult play.



Family feelings: Ronald Pickup, Diana Rigg (centre) and Cheryl Campbell in Little Eyolf

In Preview

THE POSSESSED: Russian director Yuri Lyubimov's first original production since he became an exile from the Soviet Union is of a work by Fyodor Dostoevsky, sometimes known as The Devils.

Out of Town

BRISTOL: Old Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 277466). Richard II. Opens Wed at 7.15pm, until Mar 16.

Selected

BREAKING THE SILENCE: The PR (028 8795/838 8991). Today at 2 and 7.30pm, Tues at 7.30pm.

Openings

THE HARDMAN: Two "backers" auditions, public performances which give potential investors a chance to see a show.

CONCERTS

BERIO BEGINS: Today, 7pm, Wigmore Hall, London W1 (935 2141). This Nash Ensemble concert in the Wigmore Mendelssohn/Italian series begins with Berio's Sequenza IX.

SOPHIE LANGDON: Tomorrow, 3.30pm, Wigmore Hall. Sophie Langdon, a fine violinist, offers an entertaining programme, with Janáček's Violin Concerto No 1 and the marvellous gypsy-style Enescu Sonata No 3.

ALISON MOYET and Yehudi Menuhin - all performing in the cause of the National Jazz Centre. PHIL COLLINS: Mon, Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham (0602 419419); Tues, Manchester Apollo (061 273 1112).

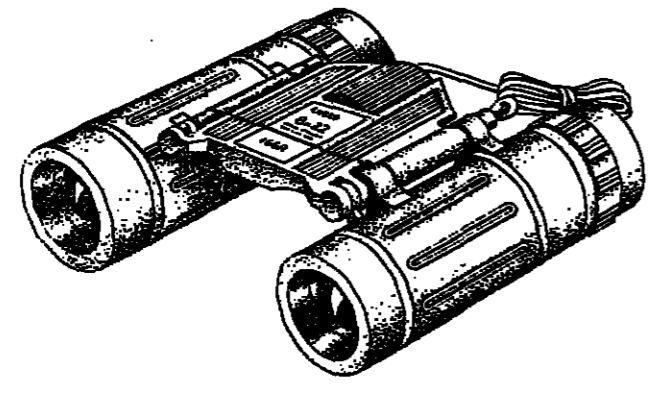
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IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES (15): Uneven comedy-drama about marital problems in Hollywood, with Ryan O'Neal and Shelley Long as warring parents, and Drew Barrymore as the child.

Selected

SECRET HONOR (15): Everyman Hampstead (435 1525) One-man play about Richard Nixon, which suggests that Watergate was only the cover for a wider scandal.

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KING: Tonight, Plymouth Polytechnic (0752 63337); Mon, Bournemouth Academy (0202 204535); Tues, University of East Anglia (0693 505401); Wed, Leicester Polytechnic (0533 555576); Fri, Newcastle University (0632 328402).

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OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Covent Garden, London WC2 (240 1088/1911). Tonight, Tues and Feb 16 at 7.30pm.

DANCE

FESTIVAL BALLET: Liverpool Empire (051 709 1555). Mon, Feb 16 at 7.30pm. The first week of a new tour brings the British premiere of Roland Petit's 'Arlesienne'.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

North Sea oil caught in the middle over prices

Trading on the oil markets was officially described yesterday as "quiet" or, less politely, "languid" from the industry's biggest party of the year, the annual dinner of the Institute of Petroleum.

But it had been a hectic fortnight, and it was surprising how robust the oil industry showed itself to be at this week's festivities. The trend for oil prices still looks firmly downward in the medium-term, but the Opec agreement is providing at least a measure of short-term stability.

With the Budget looming, it is a safe bet that the Government will aim to leave North Sea prices where they are, and take any resulting BNOC losses on the chin. By comparison with North Sea tax revenues of nearly £10 billion a year, the BNOC subsidies perhaps £15 million a month - are very small beer.

Mexico's decision this week to moderate its price cuts in order not to knock a big hole in the new Opec price structure has also helped to firm up the immediate outlook for oil prices.

Looking slightly further ahead, the widely different views about oil prices are heading now held on different sides of the Atlantic must be resolved sooner or later. It is in the United States that the oil price "bears" are now mostly heavily concentrated.

Meanwhile the oil industry continues to find itself in an intriguing transitional phase. The paradox, as stockbrokers Wood Mackenzie pointed out this week, is that the big oil multinationals have hardly ever been so flush with cash - yet they are finding it increasingly difficult to find ways of investing it sensibly or profitably.

Discovering conventional oil reserves, on the other hand, is proving increasingly expensive and technologically demanding. The outlook for the downstream business is almost as uninspiring, with at least another five years of likely stagnant oil demand coupled with the persistent overcapacity in refinery and other plant.

Essentially, says Wood Mackenzie, "the industry is turning oil into cash much quicker than it can turn it back into oil again". This is one reason why the big oil companies have been busily eating each other - Chevron buying Gulf, Mobil taking Superior Oil and Texaco buying Getty.

Die selling renews bid speculation Is Mr Alec Monk's Dee Corporation about to renew its takeover bid for Booker McConnell, the group ranging from cash-and-carry to agriculture and health products? A couple of weeks ago, it received clearance from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to do so, and

under City takeover rules it has until next Wednesday to decide. Speculation on the outcome of its decision bubbled over in the stock market yesterday as Rowe & Pitman, stockbroker to Dee, emerged as a seller of Booker shares for the second day running. It was not the only seller, but the finger of suspicion nevertheless pointed at Dee - which owns 19.8 per cent of Booker's shares.

Early base rate cut ruled out as dollar surge hits pound

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Money market interest rates fell sharply in London yesterday, in response to an announcement from the Bank of England that it was doubling its temporary facilities to the banking system.

However, another dollar surge, which sent the pound down 55 points to a record London close of \$1.1100, ruled out any early base rate cut. The sterling fell to 0.2 to 71.8.

As the dollar's inconvertible rise continued, it passed the psychologically significant DM3.25 level with ease. There was no sign of any central bank intervention against the dollar.

The dollar closed on a 13-year high against the mark of DM3.2565 in London, for an 8 p.m. closing on the week. It also gained against the Swiss and French francs.

The pound had withstood the dollar's surge for most of this week. The easing of London money market interest rates and an oil price cut by Ecuador had been cited by dealers as contributing to a softer tone for the pound.

The Bank of England also announced a new gilt-edged tap stock, specially designed for foreign buyers. The tap, £800 million of Exchange 11 per cent 1990, tax-free to foreigners, goes on sale by tender next Wednesday, with a first payment of 20 per cent. A further £200 million of the stock was released to the National Debt Commissioners.

The Bank's announcement of new temporary facilities for the banking system was first interpreted as a clear sign that the authorities wished to push interest rates down. In fact, the measure is designed to neutralize the upward pressure on rates during the coming weeks.

The facilities, amounting to £4 billion, come in two parts. The first replaces an existing arrangement, of £2 billion, which matures on February 14. The second introduces an additional facility of £2 billion to operate for six weeks from next Friday.

The intention is to relieve money market pressures in a period when heavy corporate tax paying, combined with strong bank lending and large sales of government debt, would otherwise produce unmanageable pressures in money markets.

The authorities stressed there were no interest rate implications in the announcement and, by late yesterday, the money markets appear to have adjusted back to the fact that sterling's performance will determine the scope for base rate cuts.

The three-month interbank rate, after dipping by a 1/2 point to 13 1/2-13 3/4 per cent at one stage, firmed to close at 13 1/2-13 3/4 per cent, a net 1/2 point down on the day.

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Home loan rates pegged

Building societies yesterday announced that they had decided unanimously not to raise their mortgage or deposit rates. A statement after the regular meeting of the Building Societies Association said: "There is to be no immediate change in building society rates though the situation would have to be kept under review."

The societies said that if base rates fell by 1 to 1.5 per cent they would not lower their rates. If base rates remain at 14 per cent they would still not change their own rates at next month's BSA meeting just before the Budget. But many societies predicted that competition between societies on home loans would lead to lower mortgage rates later in the year.

The Department of National Savings has confirmed that since building societies are not moving, its own package of new rates would also not change. The 30th issue savings certificate offering 8.85 per cent tax free after five years comes on offer on Wednesday.

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IN BRIEF Debt talks unlikely

The two-day meeting of the Cartagena group of Latin American debtor countries finished yesterday. Foreign and finance ministers of the 11 countries, accounting for most of the region's \$360 billion (£324 billion) debt, were reviewing progress in solving the debt crisis. But there was little sign they would press ahead for the time being with earlier proposals for a summit meeting with industrialized countries on the issue.

Senior Jesus Silva Herzog, finance minister of Mexico, which with Brazil has been a moderating force in the group, said this week that efforts should be channelled through International Monetary Fund and World Bank committees.

A report on the debt crisis and the role of the multilateral institutions is due to be presented to the spring meeting of the IMF/World Bank development committee.

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Talbot layoffs Talbot, the car group, is laying off 1,000 workers in Coventry because of a foreign currency crisis in Iran. Talbot supplies £50 million of car kits to Iran a year but, as revealed in The Times on January 31, is still waiting for letters of credit while stocks build up at its works. Last year, it was forced to lay off 750 workers because of similar problems. The company is now examining possible alternatives to cash payments.

A compromise which would prevent the closure of the huge Ok Tedi gold and copper mine in Papua New Guinea is emerging from behind the scenes talks between the PNG government and the mine's commercial shareholders led by Broken Hill Proprietary, Australia's biggest company.

Textile bureau A group of 10 developing countries have established an organization called the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau, to fight textile and clothing trade quotas. The bureau's members are China, Colombia, Egypt, Hong Kong, India, South Korea, Macao, Mexico, Pakistan and Peru.

62% inflation Retail prices in Yugoslavia rose a record 9.2 per cent last month over the previous month, and inflation was running at an annual rate of 62 per cent. Senior government officials fear that inflation could hit three figures in the first half of this year.

Investment rise Investments by European industry this year are expected to rise a real inflation-adjusted 9 per cent after an estimated increase of 7 per cent last year, the European Commission said in its latest forecast based on a survey of 20,000 European companies.

Edwardes delay in BTR battle

By Cliff Feltham

Dunlop, the debt-ridden tyre group, is aiming to put a new refinancing package to shareholders by February 21. Sir Michael Edwardes, the chairman, yesterday succeeded in adjourning a series of special shareholder meetings in London called to vote on existing proposals despite being challenged by the industrial group BTR which is mounting a £33 million takeover bid for the business.

Sir Michael would not say when the new scheme would be ready but said it would give small shareholders a much bigger stake in the rescue package. The 53 banks involved are being asked to make available to shareholders all of the £70 million of ordinary shares they plan to take up in place of debt. This compares with £40 million previously.

He criticized the blocking tactics of BTR which voted its 26 per cent of preference shares against the adjournment but said the new scheme would not need its support.

Sir Michael, who gave no clues about the current financial position of Dunlop, described the BTR offer as "laughable" and told the 200 shareholders: "There is no way you will be bulldozed by trick or technicality or of presentation into handing over the new Dunlop to the BTR conglomerate in the form of a gift."

He also defended the highly controversial share option scheme, since dropped, offered to himself and two colleagues from ICL who had joined the board. He said the shares were provided by the banks and were not at shareholders' expense.

Later, Morgan Grenfell, BTR's financial adviser, said it had forced a vote on the proposals to "introduce an element of certainty into the situation".

Tynwald Bill to protect officials A Bill has been introduced in the Tynwald, the Isle of Man parliament, to protect the individual government officials who are being sued by victims of a large bank collapse. Thousands of depositors, led principally by the Savings and Investment Bank, on the Isle of Man, collapsed in 1982 owing £18 million, blame the officials for negligence in supervising the bank.

The Bill, which is expected to become law by the summer, makes it impossible to sue the officials concerned though it still allows the depositors to take action against the government as a whole.

Six officers including the Treasurer and three members of the Finance Board, will benefit from the new law. They are the subject of two legal actions by SIB depositors now being heard in court.

Volcker calls deficit plans inadequate

From Bailey Morris Washington

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, yesterday issued perhaps his toughest warning about the massive federal deficits which, he said, threatened both the American economy and recovery elsewhere in the world. Mr Volcker, told Senators the deficit should be reduced by more than President Reagan proposed in his new budget and it should be done as quickly as possible.

Failure to do so would most likely trigger another recession and would lead eventually to another rise in interest rates which the Federal Reserve Board would not attempt to ease by loosening the money supply, he said.

"I do not think we have the option of inflating this problem away. Printing money is not a substitute for the real savings necessary to finance simultaneously investment and budget deficits," he said in testimony before the Senate budget committee.

Mr Volcker made his remarks even as senior Republican Senators, led by Mr Robert Dole, reported a breakthrough on one controversial element of their deficit reduction package and President Reagan indicated he has strong misgivings over key elements of the US Treasury's tax reform plan.

Hepworth - BSC talks

By Jeremy Warner

Hepworth Ceramic and the state-owned British Steel Corporation are planning to merge their refractory businesses in a move which is bound to mean redundancies among the combined workforce of more than 1,300. Hepworth's last attempt to introduce some rationalization in the refractories industry by bidding for Steeley, the Nottinghamshire building materials group, was blocked by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission a year ago and its latest move is conditional on Office of Fair Trading clearance.

Hepworth has six plants making refractories - heat resistant bricks used mainly in steelmaking - while BSC has four.

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Rowntree in £32m US expansion

By Alison Eadie

Rowntree Mackintosh, the York confectionery and food group, is buying The Original Cookie Company, a United States retail chain, for \$36 million (£32.5 million). The Original Cookie Company sells freshly-baked biscuits through 150 small shops, mainly in indoor shopping centres. Mr Kenneth Dixon, chairman of Rowntree, said the purchase had four main attractions.

It markets, through an expanding network, fresh produce for which there is strong and growing consumer demand in the United States. It has an impressive management team. It will complement and strengthen Rowntree's own specialist retail operations in North America and improve the group's earnings.

The Original Cookie outlets are mainly in the north-east and California, so there is plenty of scope for expansion. Rowntree, which already owns Tom's Foods in the United States and Laura Secord in Canada, is placing 8 million new shares at 35.25p to raise approximately £28 million towards the purchase price.

The shares have gone to about 100 institutions, both old and new Rowntree shareholders. Rowntree shares closed down 8p at 358p. The Original Cookie Company estimates its pretax profits in the year to February 2, 1985, were \$4 million on sales of \$30 million. Net tangible assets were estimated at \$7.5 million.

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Hopes rise for Turkish contract

By John Lawless

A visit to Turkey next week by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, is likely to bring Britain closer to winning a \$200 million (£180 million) contract to build a second bridge across the Bosphorus.

Negotiations, which have been going on for more than three years, now see the Trafalgar House subsidiary, Cleveland Bridge, in a head-to-head battle with a Japanese consortium. The winning of the order would secure 1,000 jobs in Britain. Conservative MPs, Mr Michael Fallon, for Darlington, where the bridge sections would be made, and Mr Richard and Hickman, for Clonfert and Scunthorpe, from where the steel would be supplied, have met with Mrs Margaret Thatcher to press the case for maximum government support. Cleveland Bridge, which built the first Bosphorus bridge in 1973, is known to have superior technology and much better experience than its Japanese rival. It built the Hurricane Bridge, which has the world's biggest span of 1,400 metres. The bridge is being planned for near Istanbul.

Aspinall shares transfer

Mr John Aspinall, the Kent zoo owner and a director of Aspinall Holdings, the casino group, has given himself an £8 million free gift for the upkeep of his zoos. He told Aspinall shareholders at the group's annual meeting yesterday that The Howletts and Port Lympne Foundation, where he is chairman of the trustees, has been given 11.24 per cent of his Aspinall Holdings shares to keep the Foundation's bankers content.

His two zoos are currently losing £1 million a year. He has already ploughed £5 million of his Aspinall Holdings loan stock and fears that more of his ordinary shares in the company will have to be made over to the Foundation next year.

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WALL STREET

Prices edge higher

New York (Agencies). - Prices opened higher in active trading of NYSE issues yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up by 0.77 to 1,290.85 shortly after the market opened.

Advances outnumbered declines by 434 to 358 among the 1,227 issues crossing the tape.

Early turnover reached about 7.39 million shares.

Chrysler was up 1/4 to 33. Phillips Petroleum was up 1/2 to 50 1/2. Exxon up 1/4 to 47 and Indiana Standard up 1/2 to 58 1/2.

Chevron was off 1/4 to 33 1/2. Unocal off 1/4 to 47 1/2 and Mobil off 1/4 to 28.

Digital Equipment was off 1/4 to 124 1/2. Cray Research off 1/4 to 73 1/2. AT & T off 1/4 to 21 1/2 and British Telecom unchanged at 13 1/2.

The Federal Reserve Board chairman, Mr Paul Volcker, in Congressional testimony, again urged reductions in the Federal Budget deficit.

He said the Fed had no intention of refuelling renewed high inflation by any inappropriately fast increase in the growth of the money supply.

The Wall Street Journal reported an interview with President Reagan. Asked about Treasury department proposals that would increase corporate tax rates, Mr Reagan said: "I would have to be convinced of the need to do that."

The president strongly embraced the concept of tax simplification.

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LONDON GOLD FUTURES

Table with columns for Month, Price, and Change. Includes items like Gold, Silver, and Platinum.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Concern arose at the end of yesterday about a setback for the pound in the foreign exchanges as sterling against the dollar seemed in danger of dipping below \$1.11. Period interest rates that had been falling earlier in the session turned up from their lowest points.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The Key, three-month inter-bank term deposit for instance, had been down to 13 1/2% at one stage. It finished at 13 1/4% per cent, still a net 1/4% below Thursday's closing position. Other maturities were often between 1/4 and 1/2% down on balance.

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COMPANY NEWS

S. W. WOOD GROUP: Half-year to Sept 30. No interim (nil). Figs in £000. Profit for the period £1,150. No tax (nil).

COMPANY NEWS

ASARCO INC reported a net loss of \$236 million (£213 million) or \$3.33 per common share for the fourth quarter ended Dec 31, 1984.

COMPANY NEWS

BRITISH STEEL CORP have agreed in principle on terms for GR-Stein Refractories (a wholly owned offshoot of Hepworth) to acquire the business of BSC Refractories.

COMPANY NEWS

LEISURE: Nationwide Leisure is to acquire 5.1 per cent of Joseph Webb for £336,000. The acquisition will be financed by the issue of 1.34 million Nationwide ordinary shares.

COMPANY NEWS

After the entrance of the Americans into the market, dollar buying from the United States saw the US currency close at 3.2565 against the mark, a rise of more than 3 pence in one week.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Speculation of GM stake building as Jaguar shares soar to peak

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Shares of the Jaguar car group, sold by the Government at 165p last summer, powered up to a 240p peak yesterday.

For last year the stock market is expected to profit of between £2 billion and £3 billion.

With trading going well in the current year, forecasts have been edged higher.

But the most intriguing suggestion going the rounds was that the mighty General Motors of America had quietly been accumulating shares.

Last year, Jaguar registered record world sales of 33,424 vehicles.

At the close, the FT 30 share index was 0.7 points down at 2,295.3.

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expensive if the talked-of bid does not materialise.

Unitech, the electronics group, slipped 5p to 250p after the warning of a slowdown in profits growth which accompanied recent half-year results.

Buroc Deas rallied 3p to 20p after Thursday's news of a reorganization of the loss-making group.

Montagu, Loeb, Stanley & Co is said to be talking to an American bank which desires 29.9 per cent of the stockbroker's equity.

Food shares continued to benefit from the vast interest in the Hillsdown Holdings flotation which has resulted in a 145p tender price.

Magpet & Southern showed strength alongside Aaronson, rising 6p to 124p.

cent of L & E. and is offering 76p a share, cash, for the rest.

Lake & Elliot shares rose to 81p at one stage, before settling for a 9p gain to 76p as the market recognized the likelihood that the bid will be recommended by the L & E board.

Beers were mixed but Bass, after a stockbroker's lunch on Thursday, continued to improve.

Checkpoint Europe, the security tag group, fell a further 10p to 145p.

The Bodyshop International again moved ahead, up a further 32p to 675p.

Textiles were firm with Coats passing up 7p to 164p.

The authorities' gift funding techniques can be fairly described as a riddle, wrapped in an enigma, surrounded by a mystery.

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New tap turns on flood of mystery

credit creation for £M3 purposes.

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Taking out daily shortage of £1 billion plus under these conditions ought to be impossible.

Further, the tap looks like a bold gesture. But it cannot disguise the fact that offering paper to one section of the market still creates awful strains elsewhere.

Vendor placings have got themselves a bad name of late, but Rowntree Mackintosh has had no trouble with its placing of 3 million shares to finance the acquisition of The Original Cookie Company.

The placing was not large and will dilute existing equity by only 5 per cent.

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Traded option highlights

Business on the Traded Options pitches slackened off along the main market's dull end to the afternoon.

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Imperial Group also kept traders busy; 1,138 call and just 17 put options were bought and sold.

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Land Securities shares showed a rise of 3p to 305p, in a property sector which was generally pennies firmer.

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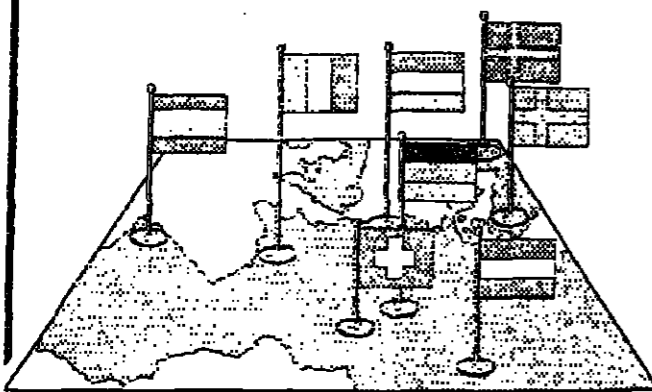
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How missing letters spoiled new investors' BT launch

COMPLAINTS

The British Telecom flotation may have been a giant leap forward for the cause of wider share ownership, but it has also caused a fair deal of irritation - arguably quite unnecessary - for several investors.

Three weeks ago, we described the difficulties experienced by Mr Alan Barnett, whose family successfully applied for several hundred BT shares - only to find that they never arrived.

The letters of acceptance went missing somewhere between the registrar's departments of the banks involved and Mr Barnett's letter box, leaving him with the unpalatable choice of having to sign an open-ended indemnity before the banks would issue either duplicate letters of acceptance, or even send him the refund he was owed on that part of his application which was sealed down in the allocation process.

The response from other readers of *The Times* demonstrates that Mr Barnett is not alone in either his experience or his sense of grievance. A dozen of BT's new shareholders have complained to us about the way the issue has been handled, and some are sufficiently annoyed to have taken the matter up with their MPs - and even, in one case, Mrs Thatcher.

Their experiences have varied, but all the cases have some common features.



Calling for improvement: Mr Barnett, British Telecom shareholder

Nearly all were asked to sign some form of indemnity, and were all told by the banks, as Mr Barnett was, that their experience was far from uncommon - implying that the scale of the problem is larger than it first appeared. (The alternative explanation, that the banks were simply using this last explanation as an excuse, surely cannot be true.)

Several of these cases involved first-time investors, and

several complained of the time - and expense - it has taken to sort the matter out.

Mr Terry Walsh, head of public relations at the shipping group, Overseas Containers, says for example, that it was only after "screaming blood" that he was sent a refund of his cheque for the unsuccessful part of his application.

He was particularly galled when he found out that not only he but his bank was being asked to sign the indemnity form before he could get his duplicate letter of acceptance. His bank says it will charge him £15 to sign the indemnity.

Mr Tim Yudin, an investment adviser, with Noble Lowndes, was told by his bank that he would be charged £6 for signing the indemnity - and this would be an annual fee as long as he held on to his BT shares. He says: "Naturally, it is not the £6 as such that I am complaining about, but the principle of the thing."

Mr Victor Stone, a solicitor, has a slightly different experience. His letter of acceptance arrived, but not his refund. He

says he was staggered to be asked by the Royal Bank of Scotland for an indemnity against his original cheque before the refund could be sent, a "quite extraordinary" request, in his experience. "Haven't they heard of stopping cheques?" he says.

Like most of the other complainants, he objects to being left out of pocket for over two months, and is peeved that it has taken the receiving banks so long to deal with his complaints. The longer he and the other investors have had to forgo interest on the money they are due to be refunded - and the longer they are denied the opportunity of trading their BT shares, if they wish.

There is no doubt the banks are within their rights to ask for indemnities - in the same way that it is correct that the BT prospectus made it clear that the letters of acceptance and refunds would be sent through the post at the applicants' risk.

Most of the complainants have signed the indemnities - in the end. (Some say they were assured by their banks that there was little real chance of anybody being able to sell missing letters of acceptance without being detected. This raises the question why therefore they are needed.)

The point remains that this kind of creaking in the system hardly encourages the gospel of wider share ownership which Mrs Thatcher is so keen to promote.

Mr Barnett and Mr Yudin are now pressing their MPs for improvements to be made before the next privatization issue comes along. They say the banks should be made to send out letters of acceptance and refunds by recorded delivery - or, better still, the issuing house should take out indemnity insurance to cover the possibility so many vital envelopes going astray.

Jonathan Davis

STOCK MARKETS

Hong Kong still tops performance table

World stock markets started the new year in fine fettle. Apart from our own market and Wall Street, peaks were recorded in Tokyo and most European bourses.

Stock exchanges, of course, frequently take their lead from America. There the news had been encouraging. The US economy has been performing better than expected, interest rates have been falling and inflation remains low. There is however still the problem of the budget deficit.

The feature of the American stock markets over the past few weeks has been the sharp recovery of the smaller company and high technology issues, which had a rough ride over the last 18 months. The Nasdaq composite index, which measures the US over-the-counter

technology companies, whose growth in earnings are substantially ahead of the bulk of the American market.

Potential investors in the technology sector, though, should always be prepared for a bumpy ride. Market expectations for technology stocks are usually on the high side and reaction to unfulfilled hopes can be sharp.

The best performing stock market last month was again Hong Kong. The combination of strong economic growth and falling long interest rates saw the Hong Kong index up nearly 14 per cent.

The Hong Kong dollar also made head-way on the currency markets. Reflecting this favourable background, Britannia Hong Kong Performance was 16.3 per cent higher, a comfortable margin over the industry's only fund to specialise in the colony, Gartmore Hong Kong, which marked up a 12 per cent rise.

Many of the European stock markets also put up a good showing. Indices for the Norwegian, Italian and Spanish exchanges all recorded double figure percentage gains, while those for France, Germany and the Netherlands touched a record level. Growth prospects for many European countries are promising, while weaker oil prices will benefit most of the Continent - if not the UK.

The small Openheimer European Growth fund headed the sector with a 12.3 per cent increase. The closest competition was supplied by Murray European which was 11.4 per cent higher.

Japan, which provided much of the excitement for most of last year, turned in a more pedestrian performance last month. The Tokyo New Stock Exchange index, adjusted for currency movements, rose a mere 3 per cent. Reports that the United States was considering special import duties on Japanese products unsettled the market.

Several managers, though, managed to outpace the market. Govett Japan Growth notched up a 13 per cent gain over the month, while last year's front-runner, Fidelity Japan, was 10.7 per cent higher.

Mike Hockings

Current value of £100 invested over 1 month to February 1, 1985

1 3i & Target Small Cos	126.5
2 GT Technology & Growth	126.5
3 Montagu US Spec Feats	121.0
4 M&G American Smllr Cos	120.9
5 Target Technology	120.6
6 Duncan Lawrie Overseas	120.3
7 Aitken Hume Amer Tech	119.5
8 F&C American	119.4
9 Arbutnot North American	119.2
10 Perpetual Amer Grwth	119.2

Source: *Planned Savings Magazine*
Offer to offer price - net income reinvested

er market, rose nearly twice as fast as the Dow Jones industrial average last month.

The recovery in these sectors has been dramatically reflected in the latest performance league table. The 3i and Target Smaller Companies and G.T. Technology & Growth, both extensively invested in America, marked up offer price rises of more than 25 per cent last month.

Mr Jonathan Custance-Baker, a director of G.T. Unit Managers, believes that the recovery is likely to continue. He said: "We have just seen the first stage of a very much longer term revival of stocks in the technology sector. There has been a return of confidence to the American market and consequently a reappraisal of the values inherent in many

LEGACIES

Dangers of a do-it-yourself will

The Institute of Chartered Accountants has just published *Your Will - Its Making and Planning*, a booklet on a subject which few people are keen to discuss.

One problem with your last will and testament is that, in the nature of things, you will not be around to check that its execution has correctly reflected your wishes.

This is a pity since your will is likely to be one of the most important financial arrangements you make. The prime consideration, therefore, is to be sure that you have got it right and that it does not give rise to complicated, expensive and distressing litigation after your death.

Most wills are relatively straightforward. The testator simply leaves his home, his goods and any spare cash he may have to his wife or children. It is an outright gift, giving absolute control of the estate to the beneficiary. Alternatively, the will may give one beneficiary - a spouse, for example - a life interest in the estate, followed by, or containing one or more, outright absolute interests.

With a basic will of this simplicity, there is clearly scope for asking whether you should not save a little money and draw it up yourself. Doing it yourself is not difficult. All that is needed is a written statement of the way in which you want your estate disposed of after

your death, signed by yourself and two witnesses.

The message from the Consumers' Association is that most people, with the application of some time and intelligence, can write a perfectly satisfactory will. There are certain elements that all wills must contain. It must, for example, be clearly dated and begin by revoking all previous wills by the testator.

It must also, of course, show clearly who the testator is and it must name the executors of the will (two is the usual number) and make clear exactly who the beneficiaries are. It must be signed by the testator in the presence of two witnesses (though they need not know what is in the will) who must

then sign it in each other's presence.

However, in many respects, no will is better than a badly phrased will. The law has strict rules about how property left without a will is distributed (mainly to direct family).

So is it better to have it done done professionally? Generally speaking, it should not cost much to use a solicitor. For a simple will the usual charge is something between about £10 and £30.

If a will involves any complications - such as capital transfer tax arrangements or setting up a trust - you must have it done by a good solicitor, the Consumers' Association says.

Richard Thomson



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5,000	384	11,624	130	7,800	94	11,280
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Sunday Times 20.1.85

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FAMILY MONEY

Beat the taxman

The pre-budget tax planning season is upon us once again... and is marked by the tax packets produced by accountants...

repayments of £180 a month, so the C & G plan is almost twice as expensive. However, the Bristol & West scheme covers only redundancy, while C & G offers cover for sickness and disability as well as voluntary redundancy...

Better pensions

Noble Lowndes, the financial adviser, has negotiated a scheme with the United Kingdom Provident Institution, one of the top pension-plan managers, which offers considerably improved rates...

Prolific Growth

Latest unit trust figures show just how well unit trust group Prolific's funds have performed. During the past three years, three of its funds, the Technology, Far Eastern and Special Situations, are first in their sector...



Marshall Field of Phoenix: linking with Framlington and GT Fund

Pension packages

Phoenix, the assurance company, has linked with the investment manager Framlington and GT Fund Managers to produce two pension packages for the self-employed and employed executives...

Worldwide Giro

National Girobank's Postcheque service has been extended to Hong Kong, Egypt and the Bahamas, but discontinued in the US, although a replacement service is under consideration...

Savings interest

The rate of interest paid on National Savings Bank Investment Account has gone up from 11.25 per cent to 12.25 per cent, equivalent to an after tax return of 8.5 to a basic rate taxpayer...

Cheap start

Insurer, Friends Provident, has introduced a low-start endowment mortgage plan which keeps monthly endowment premiums to a minimum in the first year...

Britannia bonus

Britannia has taken in more than £10 million on its European Smaller Companies Trust launched last month. Europe is very much the favourite investment area now and to maximize on the potential, Britannia has decided to hold open its special offer of a 1 per cent bonus on all investments in the new fund...

Insurance guide

The insurance companies never tire of warning us that we are underinsured, but it is undoubtedly true that few people really know how much it would cost to replace their household belongings...

The leaflet is available free from Sun Alliance and you can obtain a copy from any branch or by post from Nigel Clark, Personal Insurance Department, Sun Alliance, Bartholomew Lane, London EC2N 2AB...

Tax advice

Investors who are on the ball are beginning to prepare themselves for the D-Day in April when interest on bank and finance house deposits becomes subject to basic rate tax deducted at source...

Those who want to continue to receive interest gross have only one haven in the United Kingdom - National Savings Bank Investment Account (and Ordinary Account), but as one reader complained, there does not seem any easy mechanism for having money transferred by standing order from a bank current account to NSB investment account...

PENSIONS

Discounts for club members

If you are just about to take out a regular premium pension plan, it is worth joining Investors' Circle, run by the professional adviser R. J. Temple. Discounts of up to 27.5 per cent of the first year's premiums are available to members of Investors' Circle...

Redundancy cover

Our plans on redundancy insurance for homebuyers prompted both Bristol and West and Cheltenham & Gloucester building societies to write with details of their cover. Of the two, the Bristol & West scheme looks the better value...

Limited offer

Guaranteed income bonds paying 10 per cent net of basic rate tax are available from Lambert & Mason, the investment adviser. The bonds, underwritten by General Portfolio Life, a British-based insurance company, so investors have the full protection of the Policyholders Protection Act...

NATIONAL SAVINGS The attractions of a year's saving

National Savings and the building societies continue to stalk each other on interest rates. But if recent changes have been painful for borrowers, they have been good news for savers. Among other improvements, National Savings has again lifted the return on its Yearly Plan...

cancel their standing order and reapply. Even if one or two payments have been made under an old agreement, it could still be worthwhile to cancel and start again. For those who are already several months into an existing contract, the best move might be to complete seven payments and then stop...

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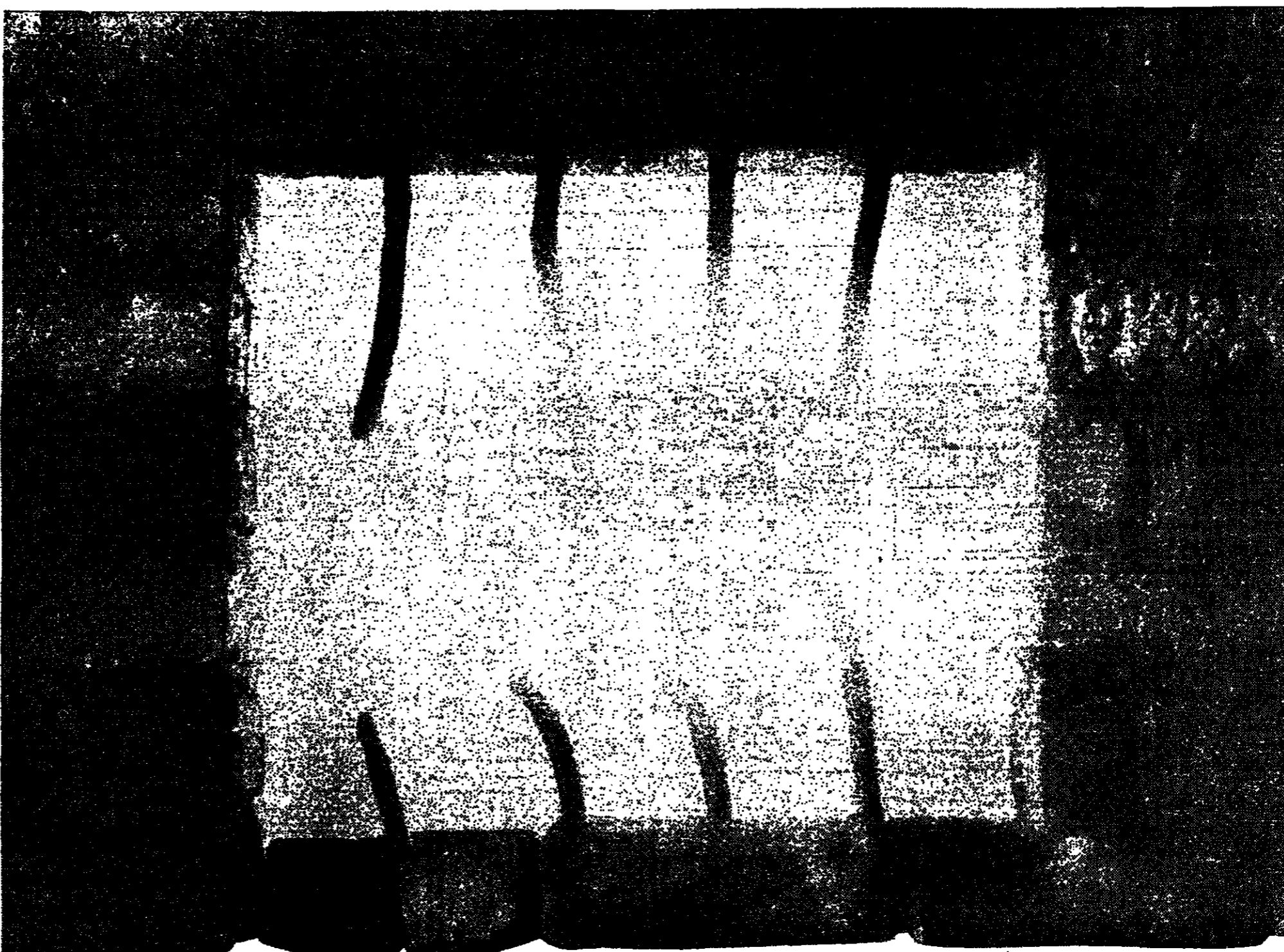
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FAMILY MONEY

BUILDING SOCIETIES

Even computers cannot keep up with changes

Keeping up with the best investment buys from building societies has become something of a nightmare. Time was when the Building Societies Association announced the official ordinary share rate and, within days, everyone fell into line and fixed their new rates.

Now, the building society investment scene changes constantly with societies uprating the interest paid on a wide range of accounts whenever they see a competitor offering something better. You need a computer to work it out, which is precisely what Building Society Choice does to monitor investment rates. The tables are reproduced from its latest bulletin.

But even with the computer it is hard to keep up to date. The tables do not show, for example, North Wiltshire Ridgeway, whose three-months notice shares, paying 9.8 per cent, would qualify for a place in the "Best Buy" table. Leamington Spa Building Society is offering an attractive fixed rate bond paying 9.8 per cent if you are prepared to leave your money untouched for six months. This is a limited issue, so if you are interested, do not delay.

Table with columns: Account name, Type, Quoted rate, True rate, Withdrawal penalties, Minimum investment, Other terms and conditions. Lists various building society accounts like Scottish 1 Yr Scot Bond, Scotiabank, etc.

Key to other terms and conditions: A) You can't add to the account; B) Monthly income available at the same true rate; M) Monthly Income.

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Key to other terms and conditions: A) Monthly interest is available at the same true rate.

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

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Investors in industry Fixed term, fixed rate investments of between 3 and 5 years. Interest paid half-yearly without deduction of tax. 10.25 per cent; 10.5 per cent between six and ten years; information from 91 Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-928 7822).

Table with columns: Fund Name, Flat APR, Telephone. Lists various investment funds like Adm & Co, B of Scotland, etc.

National Savings Bank Ordinary accounts - interest 6 per cent on £500 minimum on deposit.

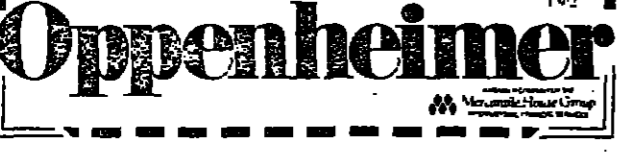
Local authority town hall bonds Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross basic rate.

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BUSINESS EXPANSION SCHEMES

Many a good deal if you beat the Budget

The telephone has not stopped ringing since we published last week's article on Business Expansion Funds, highlighting what a good deal the asset-backed funds are. And this week has seen the launch of several new BES companies.

Applications are still open for the four property-based BES funds we mentioned last week: London & Bristol Developments and City Gate Estates (both sponsored by investment advisers Johnson Fry, Lockton Developments (sponsored by Guinness Mahon) and St. James Estates (sponsored by United Trust and Credit). We now have details for the fine wine investment fund, The Mount Street Fine Wine Company, managed by Mr. Kerman, who is managing director of the West End restaurant, Scott's.

The company will appoint a wine panel to be chaired by Mr. Kerman, who is managing director of the West End restaurant, Scott's. The panel will decide on purchases of fine wine which will be sold on, largely to restaurants, hotels, clubs and other retail outlets. Minimum investment is £500 and the company is hoping to raise £1 million.

Two more property-based funds are now available, Restway Retirement Homes and Fraser House Commercial Dev.

Table with columns: BES fund, Sponsor, Sponsor's Tel no. Lists London & Bristol Dev, City Gate Estates, etc.

The 25 'Penny' Shares most likely to double in 1985!

The Penny Share Guide is now into its sixth year of continuous publication and is of course, the only investment publication in the UK which devotes all of its day and all of its research to the study of 'penny shares' - which to buy, when to leave alone and which just could be the next Polly Peck or Bellair, both of which started life off as 'penny' shares before rising by quite literally many thousands of percent. What you may not know is that you would have read about both these shares first and only in The Penny Share Guide whilst they were still 'penny' shares. In fact, they were recommended several times, so PSG subscribers were able to buy with the field to themselves.

IT'S YOUR LIFE What's happening to your pension contributions?

Table comparing Regular premium per month (London Life vs Typical Life office) and Retirement at the end of year (London Life vs Typical Life office). Shows London Life's advantages in both areas.

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Base Lending Rates

Table listing lending rates for various banks: ABN Bank (14%), Adm & Company (14%), Barclays (14%), Citibank (14%), etc.

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Table with columns: Daily Dealing Prices, Bid, Offer, Net. Lists various financial instruments and their prices.

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Bank of Scotland

BANK OF SCOTLAND Account Details

As at close of business 14 Jan 85

Account No	00428407
Balance	125.84
Today's items	-75.43
Fund transfers pending	65.00
Keycard withdr pending	-30.00
Interest accrued	-1.12
Charges accrued	0.50
Overdraft limit	200.00
Cash available from Keycard	70.00

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UP TO DATE INFORMATION.

Bank of Scotland

Make Bill Payments

Mandate No: 104
to: 8 of 9 Visa Card
Reference: 4929517807317

Account to be debited on: 04th February 1985
Amount: £174.26
Bill paid by: 06th February 1985
No changes after: 30th January 1985

Key 1 To confirm this payment
2 To change this payment
3 To cancel this payment

PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Bank of Scotland

BANK OF SCOTLAND Inter-account transfers

Details

From Current Account No 00428407
Grant J A Pers Acc
Home Banking Centre

To Investment Account No 02037184
Grant J A
Home Banking Centre

Amount: £100.00

Key 1 To send 2 Not to send
3 Change Accounts 4 Change Amount 5 Change both

INTER-ACCOUNT TRANSFERS.

Bank of Scotland

Standing Order Mandates Held

Name	Next Due	Until	Amount
Upland Electricity Monthly	30Jan85	30Nov85	32.40
British Gas Monthly	06Feb85	06Sep85	31.15
Midshires Council Monthly	01Feb85	01Mar85	57.81
General Life Ass Monthly	31Jan85	N.A.	22.45
United Auto Ins Quarterly	15Mar85	15Jun85	26.95

Key 7 More Mandates
9 Finish

STANDING ORDER DETAILS.

Bank of Scotland

A/C No 00428407 Statement

Date	Details	Amount	Balance
11Jan85	398410	-45.00	226.97
11Jan85	P B Oil	8.75	235.72
12Jan85	398412	-27.42	208.30
13Jan85	Keycard 90375603	100.00	108.30
14Jan85	Bank Giro Credit	47.52	155.82
14Jan85	398413	-29.98	125.84

Key 7 Earlier Items
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Bank of Scotland

BANK OF SCOTLAND Cash Management

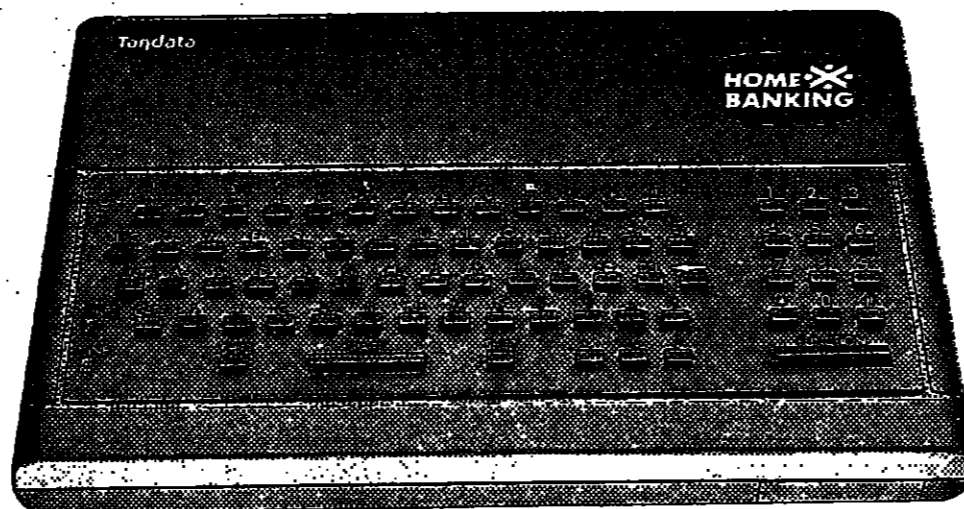
148 High St Southampton
ACCOUNT: 001D1407 CURRENCY: STG
Ledger position on first lines
Debitments expiring and cleared position on second lines

Date	Debits	Credits	Balance
14Jan1985	1,456	504	1,733
15Jan1985	389	750	2,094
16Jan1985	0	1,048	1,117
17Jan1985	0	2,884	2,094
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FAMILY MONEY

RETIREMENT

Convert your home into a pension

It is not unusual to reach old age having accumulated property over the years but only small amounts of cash and very little income.

These schemes, designed specifically for the elderly, provide a way for property owners to convert their property into cash and an income by way of an annuity.

The schemes are only suitable if the homeowner is over 70 and they work like this. The elderly person is granted a loan of, say, £20,000 on a house valued at £35,000.

Abney will accept a maximum of 65 per cent of the value of the property up to a maximum loan of £30,000; Hambro will take up to 80 per



BEGGING YOUR PARDON, YOUR LADYSHIP - YOUR MONTHLY ANNUITY PAYMENT HAS ARRIVED...

cent of the value up to £30,000. The mortgage is an interest-only loan so that the borrower gets tax relief on the entire monthly interest payment.

The lump sum thus raised is used to buy an annuity which will provide the borrower with an annual income until he dies. Because annuity payments are deemed to be a part repayment of capital not all the monthly payment is subject to income tax.

However, although annuity rates have, indeed, been rising

as other interest rates increased over the last few months, mortgage rates, always slower to be adjusted in the past, have been rising even faster.

The trouble, as an Abney spokesman said, is that "annuity rates do not go up as fast or as far as mortgage rates. Or at least not this time."

For example, the annuity rate offered by Royal Life, to which the Abney National scheme is linked, has risen only once recently - by less than half a percentage point last month.

By contrast Abney National's mortgage rate has risen by over one percentage point in the last few weeks. (The society charges its basic loan rate to all home income borrowers, and this is currently 13 per cent.)

The Hambro scheme, which hardly ever varies either its annuity or mortgage rate, avoids this problem. The loan rate has been set at 8.75 per cent since the plan started more than two years ago. Its annuity rates have also not changed and

are set to match the borrowing rate.

Hambro does not feel the need to change its rates because it considers the most important element in setting their level is the age at which their clients die. Mr Geoffrey Selwyn, of Hambro Provident, said: "Early deaths pay for the people who live longer. Some 25 per cent may die in the first years of their policy, and 25 per cent may live 15 years. Our rates are set to assume that everyone on average lasts ten years."

Since Hambro's scheme is thus effectively insulated from wider interest rate movements, it is no better or worse a deal than it was several months ago.

An alternative method of using property to get income is the kind offered by the financial advisers Inshoven in connection with Premium Life. The Premium Life Property Fund buys the client's house at a large discount related to the client's age - it can be more than 50 per cent of the property's value. The money is then used to buy an insurance bond invested in the Property Fund. The investor draws his income by redeeming units in the fund each year.

When the investor dies, the property is revalued at the vacant possession price, enhancing the value of the units in the fund and any excess units

still left in the Property Fund, are returned to his heirs.

Because Premium Life grants the vendor a lease for life, he has full security of tenure and therefore, peace of mind. If the lease is given up in the early years - for example, should the tenant enter a nursing home or decide to live with a relative - the Property Fund makes an unexpectedly early profit. Therefore, part of this profit goes back to the former tenant as an income for life.

Inshoven admits that this sort of scheme will not suit everyone but cites the example of a property with a vacant possession value of £250,000 which was purchased by the Premium Life Fund from a sprightly woman of 86 for £143,370. Having no immediate family and not wishing to leave much to the taxman, she insisted on withdrawing 15 per cent a year from the Bond and is now happily spending her way through £31,500 a year.

Further details of these schemes from Abney National Building Society branches, Hambro Provident, 9-15 Sackville Street London W1X 1DE (Tel: 01 434 321) or Inshoven, 235 High Street, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 1TJ (Tel: 0252 319463).

Richard Thomson

OTC OPERATORS

Beware the offshore hard-sell if you choose obscure shares

Investor protection in Britain will be considerably improved if the proposals in a White Paper become the basis of a new Investor Protection Act. However, a new act will not prevent unlicensed securities dealers operating offshore and bombarding British investors with literature and telephone calls.

Amsterdam has become a haven for such dealers, because Holland does not require over-the-counter market makers to be licensed. The Dutch authorities estimate there are about 50 to 100 such companies, operating out of Holland usually staffed by Americans and Canadians and selling to overseas investors, many in Britain.

The Department of Trade and Industry here is well aware of the problems having been contacted by British investors upset at receiving literature and telephone calls unsolicited and being subjected to hard-sell techniques, on obscure stocks. It has complained to the Dutch authorities who are trying to introduce legislation to curb the over-the-counter market.

Draft proposals by the Dutch Ministry of Finance advocate that all stockbrokers who are not members of a recognized house should have a government permit and that securities not quoted on a recognized house should be accompanied by a "clear" prospectus. Such legislation, however, is unlikely to be passed this year because of its complicated, technical nature.

In the meantime, the Amsterdam Stock Exchange, the European exchange, receives complaints daily from British, Middle Eastern and American investors all over Europe, who have been caught by the over-the-counter dealers. The main complaint, says Mr Reinier Fuchs, secretary to the

Exchange, is that having bought a stock an investor then finds he cannot sell it back to the dealer or only at a substantial loss.

Two tales from British investors in the Gulf illustrate the pitfalls. Mr Ken Wight and Captain Peter Hodges both work for Getty Oil in Kuwait. Both have sizeable tax-free salaries with quite substantial sums to invest and both are experienced investors.

Both were impressed by newsletters sent out by the Amsterdam-based dealers. Captain Hodges received The Tower Report unsolicited from a company called Tower Securities and then followed up phone calls from very aggressive, fast talking salesmen. He does not know how Tower got his name.

Mr Wight cut a coupon in a newspaper advertisement and, as a result, received Investors Alert from First Commerce Securities, also followed by phone calls. The managing director of FCS, Mr Walter Bonn, says cold calling is an offence for which his salesmen, could be dismissed.

As a result of the sales pitch, Mr Wight bought 700 shares in DeVoe-Holbein last August at \$8 a share. FCS said DeVoe-Holbein should go to \$12 in a matter of weeks and to \$30 within a year.

DeVoe is a greenfield company with a technology based on metal-capturing compounds. It made a net loss of \$1.4 million in the 10 months to December 31, 1983, and is only just now beginning to win some small commercial orders for its technology. A price of \$30 a share would give the company a value of \$63 million, about the same size as the capitalization of Rowntree Mackintosh on British stock market.

Techno Scientific is also a company with a great future, according to The Tower Report but very little past. It was due to

go up to \$9 to \$10 within a couple of months, because Tower had inside information on the company's progress.

Both investors began to feel uneasy after they had made their purchases. Captain Hodges asked his bank and Merrill Lynch, the stockbroker, to run a check on Techno Scientific, but neither could find out any information. Both investors decided to sell.

Mr Wight rang First Commerce on December 12 with a sell order and confirmed it by Telex. He was told the price then was \$9 1/4 to \$10 1/4. On December 22, he rang again to find out what had happened and was told FCS had no record of the phone call or the telex. He repeated his sell order, confirming by telex.

On January 7, he called again, and again there was no record of the telephone calls or telexes of December 12 and 22. He was also advised that the market was shut for the holiday period. The closing price on December 21 was \$9 1/4 to \$10 1/4, but the indicated opening price on January 9 was \$5 to \$6. Mr Wight eventually sold on January 18 at just under \$5 a share. He made a loss of \$2,200 on the transaction.

Captain Hodges, experience is very similar. Again his sell telex to Tower Securities went astray, despite the call back sign showing it had definitely arrived. He eventually sold Techno Scientific at \$2.75 a share making a loss of \$3,000.

Mr Walter Bonn said he found it very strange that Mr Wight's telexes went astray. "It is one of our virtues in the over-the-counter market that we are very punctual," he said. He explained the sudden fall in DeVoe-Holbein's share price as the result of selling pressure following negative press in England.

In addition, some of First

Commerce's clients were clients of Trier Investments, which was raided and closed down by the Dutch police at the beginning of December. Understandably nervous, they decided to sell out their investments bought through First Commerce as well.

First Commerce remains convinced of the merits of DeVoe-Holbein and will be tipping it again in its next Investor Alert. Mr Bonn hopes it will go back to \$10 in the next few months, but he says there are no guarantees. First Commerce makes markets only in DeVoe-Holbein and another stock called City Clock. It claims to have 7,000 clients.

Tower Securities refused to discuss anything on the phone - not even the name of its managing director. It asked for requests in writing, which were supplied. No reply has yet been received.

The moral of the tale is only to buy through a licensed dealer where there is a method of redress if things go wrong. In Britain, over-the-counter market makers must be licensed by the Department of Trade and Industry or the National Association of Securities Dealers and Investment Managers, an association recognized by the DTI.

Cold calling is banned in Britain but investors are still open to the dangers of strange price fluctuations, as many over-the-counter stocks are quoted by only one market maker.

Wide gaps between buying and selling prices and difficulties in selling back to the market maker are not rare on the British over-the-counter market. However, if an investor has a good case, the DTI and Nassim have the power to revoke licences.

Alison Eadie

INSURANCE

Holiday guide points the way to cover

Up to 500,000 people planning holidays and business trips this year will make a claim as a result of illness, injury or theft, according to the British Insurance Association.

The BIA has just published a leaflet, Holiday Insurance, which gives guidance on the types of cover readily available as well as advice on the insurance arrangements you should make if taking your car abroad.

Unfortunately, the leaflet does not give you one vital piece of information - which company sells the best policy. However, generally speaking, the insurance cover offered by a tour operator is good value for money because the fast moving operator wants to incur any liability itself for something

which should have been covered by the insurance.

Probably the best value for money medical fees insurance and travel luggage is offered to members of American Express. For a premium of £35, you get year-round cover for up to £75,000 worth of medical fees insurance. Year-round personal travel insurance works out at £15, which will cover you for loss of luggage, including ski equipment, up to £1,000, loss of money up to £500 and cancellation cover of £2,000. This must be the cheapest policy around.

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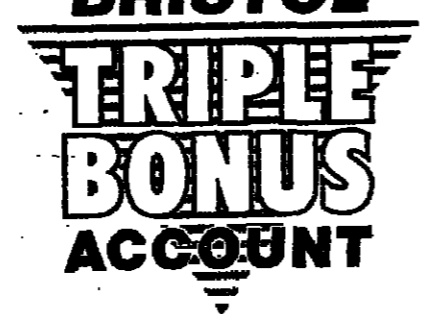
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SKIING
Stenmark's inspired last chance of gold

Bormio (Reuter) - Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, will make a last attempt to win a gold medal this season before the world Alpine championships end this weekend. A dominant figure for more than a decade, Stenmark is without a victory for the first time since he made his World Cup debut in the 1973-74 season.

There is a chance that Stenmark may draw inspiration from his former American rival, Phil Mahre, who was in a similar position last year before taking the slalom gold on the last day of the Olympic Games in Sarajevo.

I've been thinking about Phil and it has helped me a lot, Stenmark said. I know he can also do it. Stenmark flopped in Thursday's giant slalom when he was sixteenth after the first run and pulled out on the second leg after an error. But the slalom has always been his chief goal.

The biggest danger to the Swede who was slalom champion at the 1976 and 1982 world championships and 1980 Olympics, will be the man who has inherited his mantle, Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg. The Austrian-born Girardelli was third in Thursday's giant slalom, 24 hours after gaining entry with a written pledge to the International Ski Federation that he would continue to seek Luxembourg citizenship.

Erika Hess, of Switzerland, will also be after a medal when the championships resume today after yesterday's rest day. Like Stenmark, she is seeking her first world Cup of the season after taking the overall title for the second time last year. She gave a superb slalom exhibition in winning the combined rink in the world championships in Morzine.

On that form she will be the one to beat in the slalom this weekend, though the French will be looking to Christophe Guignard and Perrine Peelen and Italy to the Olympic champion, Paolotta Magnoli.

BOBSLEIGHING
Phipps can make it a treble

After a week of celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Cresta Run, the spotlight in St Moritz shifts across the world to the bobsleigh track next week for the European championships. Incorporated in this will be the fourth and last round of the inaugural World Cup, in which Britain's Nick Phipps could up his winning record in all three categories.

The 32-year-old Londoner has a five point lead at the top of the combined standing, and a single-point advantage in the overall final in the four-man series. In addition, Phipps and his brakeman, Alan Cairns, are lying second in the two-man competition.

Some of the best drivers, including the Gobeliers and Hans Hilbrand of Switzerland, Detlef Richter of East Germany, Italy's Alex Wolf and Marco Bellodi, and the top Russians and Austrians, have only competed in one of the previous rounds, and Phipps' high standing.

To be fair, however, Phipps and his four-man crew of Bob Thorne, Paddy Bredin and Cairns, beat the likes of Richter, Hilbrand, Wolf, Bellodi and the Austrian Franz Paulweber, when they won the silver medal behind Gobeliers in the opening round of the World Cup in November. They now have every incentive to do so again in St Moritz.

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Indamelody has the ideal Jenkin's passes £100,000 barrier

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Indamelody, trained by Nicky Henderson at Lambourn, is my idea of the likely winner of the Shappes Gold Trophy at Newbury today. More often than not this race, which is invariably run at a scorching gallop from beginning to end on one of the most demanding tracks in the country, is won by a horse in the lower half of the handicap with sufficient speed to win over two miles and enough stamina to score over 21.

Indamelody fits that bill nicely. He also goes well in soft ground, which it certainly will be this afternoon after two days of continuous rain and snow. By taking a line through Combs Ditch and Rose Ravine it is possible to argue that Indamelody of Buckle, who was going like a winner in this race 12 months ago when she was brought down after the fifth flight of hurdles.

This season Indamelody has won twice over two miles at Kempton. In between he was runner-up to that mercurial character Combs Ditch over further at Cheltenham. Now that the ground is very soft again, Mr Moonraker could easily turn out to be Indamelody's main danger, carrying just a pound more.

The winner of the L'Oreal Hurdle over today's course and distance three seasons ago, Mr Moonraker has bounced back into form this season after a period in the doldrums. His run behind Desert Orchard at Sandown a week ago was particularly encouraging. On that form he should certainly beat Alton Glazed and Flarey Sark, who finished fourth and fifth in the same race, because he will be meeting them on better terms. Both Flarey Sark and Prideaux Boy, who dominated the finish of this season's

value at his current odds in this company. John Francombe should enjoy an armchair ride on the Gold Cup favourite, Burrough Hill Lad, in this instance, though. I still expect Berlin to run a big race carrying only 10st 6lb. Whether Everscal, who likes nothing better than to dictate affairs from the front, will have his own way with Northern Trial also in the field is open to question. Northern Trial is also a confirmed front runner, and they might just cut each other's throats.

Neither Robin Wonder nor Bajan Sunshine impress me as the type to win a race of this nature at these weights. Stan's Pride, who was runner-up to Ra Nova 12 months ago, has a much harder task with 5lb more on her back. She is also held on form by Buckle. Reg Holinshed, who has just earned the Piper Champagne trainer of the month award for January, will deserve an even greater accolade if he scores with his runner, Sk's Double, who has not run for 23 months.

Chrysoar, the ante-post favourite, has done absolutely nothing wrong this season. Yet still do not regard him as good in the good old days I would not have beyond their stable companion, Wayward Lad, as the probable winner of the Mercedes-Benz chase at Ayr. But now, in light of those crushing, morale-sapping defeats at Wetherby and Kempton Park in December at the hands of Burrough Hill Lad, I cannot help wondering whether my old favourite will manage to give 15lbs to Earls Brig. After a few disappointments, Earls Brig finally lived up to his rich autumn promise at Wetherby a week ago when he stormed home 10 lengths ahead of a strong field.

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OVERSEAS RACING
Chance for Boreen Prince to excel

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

It was a big disappointment for Andrew McNamara, the Liverpool trainer, when the harsh weather brought about the abandonment of the Embassy Premier Chase first last month. His qualifier, Boreen Prince, would have had a favourable chance at Ascot.

Boreen Prince has won four times since being put to sleepchasing last autumn and the afternoon's run in the M. De L'Esperance Novices' Chase at Fairyhouse was his £10,000 prize money has been put up by friends of the late Tom Dreaper whose Fairyhouse record, especially in the Irish Grand National, is unlikely ever to be equalled. Jim Dreaper's team had hoped to take on Boreen Prince with Hard Case but he is reported to be on the easy side.

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NEWBURY (BBC)
GOING: soft (chase course); heavy (hurdles).

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Horses/Trainers. Includes 1.30 MINORS NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £1,931; 2m 100yds) (15 runners) and 2.0 GAME SPIRIT CHASE (Limited Handicap; Grade III; 2m 150yds) (3 runners).

NEWBURY SELECTIONS

1.30 First Bout, 2.0 Classified, 2.40 Indamelody, 3.15 Burrough Hill Lad, 3.45 Ten Charlies, 4.15 Potstowern. Michael Seely's selection: 2.40 Sk's Double.

AYR (ITV)
GOING: Good to soft

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Horses/Trainers. Includes 1.20 FISHERTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,643; 2m) (12 runners) and 2.55 VULMIDAS TROPHY (Handicap Chase) (£1,765; 2m 4f) (4 runners).

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1.20 Rivers Edge, 1.55 Miss Goldingay, 2.25 Earls Brig, 3.55 Mossy Moor, 3.25 The Divider, 3.55 Jocka.

SEDGFIELD

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CRESTA RUN
Baracchi and Tesdorpf miss National

It was the day of the old and bold at the Cresta Run yesterday when the Seniors Cup was run from Junction. All competitors had to be over 50 years old, and very sportingly Niels Bibbia, who would have walked the race with a dislocated shoulder in a slip.

Today the Crest is keyed up for the centenary Grand National, when the 21 top riders in the run compete for this most coveted trophy. The only absentee will be the top German rider, Carl Tesdorpf, who unfortunately smashed his arm in practice.

RESULTS: 1.3 P Angerer (Switz) 1:33.72 sec, 2. G A Hagedorn (Switz) 1:34.36 sec, 3. M Boller (Switz) 1:35.36 sec, 4. R C Eberhart (Switz) 1:37.82 sec, 5. M Rieder (Switz) 1:37.82 sec, 6. J. J. Schmitt (Switz) 1:38.30 sec, 7. W. B. Oberer (Switz) 1:38.30 sec, 8. W. B. Oberer (Switz) 1:38.30 sec.

ICE HOCKEY
Keward leaves Panthers

Gary Keward, the manager of the Nottingham Panthers, has resigned from the club (Robert Pryce writes). Charles Walker, the chairman, Sam Strachan, the treasurer, and Dwayne Keward, the manager's son, also resigned yesterday.

Gary Keward cited a "disagreement over discipline" and "lack of respect" from the players as his reasons for leaving the club he helped set up five years ago.

It was upset by the 3-2 defeat at Southampton on Sunday and the players' response to his instructions to leave the rink immediately after the game. "It's impossible if they are going to have a vote every time you ask them to do anything," he said, Mike Urquhart, the team coach, now has responsibility for the team.

CATERICK BRIDGE

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

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Uttoxeter abandoned

Today's meeting at Uttoxeter has been abandoned because of snow. The point-to-point meetings at Uttoxeter and Kingston Blight have also been called off.

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Course specialists

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

Sunday

BBC 1

7.10 Open University (until 8.25)
8.30 The Westwood (1) 8.35 The
Lionel Hobb (1) 8.50
Wednesday Superstition
presented by Mike Peart

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain,
presented by Henry Kelly.
Cartoon at 8.15; news at 8.30,
7.40 and 8.40; a discussion on
house plants at 8.35; sport at
7.10 and 7.50; cookery hints at
7.30. The guests include
Martin Woodroffe and Griff
Rays Jones



Marie Callas: Aide in Verdi's opera (Radio 3, 2.00 pm). And Wislawa
Wojcik: As the Years Pass, As the Days Pass (Channel 4, 8.15 pm)

BBC 2

6.25 Open University (until 8.10).
3.10 Coetzee.
3.30 Micro Live, Ian McNaught-
Davis reports from the British
Telecom Research Laboratory
at Manchester Heath (1).

CHANNEL 4

1.05 Everybody Here. (1)
1.30 The Making of Britain. Part
five of the 12-programme series
examines the reasons why
Scotland was never
conquered by the English
during the Middle Ages

BBC 1

6.45 Open University (until 8.50).
8.55 The Plumps. (1) 9.10 de
Boer's Thinking Course. Part
two: Thinking and Other People
(1). 9.35 Electronic Office (1).
10.00 Asian Magazine includes a
visit to a meena bazaar, a
woman-only cafe, 10.30 Switch
on to English. Learning
English by watching popular
television programmes. 10.55
France Actualite. The first of
five documentaries on modern
France examines the Alpine
resort of Grenoble. 11.25
Sunday Worship from St
James's Church, Piccadilly

TV-am

6.55 Good Morning Britain begins
with a Thought For a Sunday.
7.22 Rugby Club (1) 8.00
News. 8.05 Cartoon. 8.30
Jonathan Dentley's news
review of the week and a re-
examination of the Yalta
treaty, plus Enoch Powell on
Mrs Thatcher's decade as
Conservative Party leader



Marc Chagall: Kim Evans's film about the great painter can be
seen in The South Bank Show (TV, 10.30 pm)

BBC 2

6.55 Open University (until 1.55).
1.50 Horizon: Mystery of the Left
Hand. An examination of the
late Professor Norman
Geschwind's controversial
theories about left-handed
people (shown last Monday)
2.45 The Great Art Collection,
presented by Edward Mullins.
Van Eyck's The Madonna and
Chancellor Rodin is described
by Sir John Hale; Bruegel's
Hunters in the Snow by Sir
David Piper; and Rubens'
Chateau de Steen by Alistair
Smith

CHANNEL 4

1.05 Inish Abbie. John Hume, the
SDLP politician who caused a
suir by stating that he was
preparing to meet the
Provisional IRA in an effort to
find agreement on the future
for a united Ireland, defends
his actions to Conservative
MP, Michael Maies.
1.30 Face the Press. Lord Gowrie
is questioned by Nicholas de
Jongh of The Guardian and
Benediti Nittingdale of the
New Statesman.
2.00 A Question of Economics.
Why it is right for private
persons and businesses to
borrow money but wrong for
the public sector to do the
same?
2.30 Film: Moon Over Miami (1941)
starring Betty Grable and
Carole Landis. Musical
comedy about two sisters who
head for Miami where they
hope to find rich husbands.
Directed by Walter Lang.

Radio 4

long wave, 1.60 stereo on VHF.
4.55 Shipping Forecast. 5.55
Weather. Travel.
6.00 News Sports Round-up.
6.05 The Day After Tomorrow.
The castaway is Ely Ameling, the
Lieder singer.
7.05 Stop The Week with Robert
Baker.
7.45 Baker's Dozen with Richard
Baker.
8.30 Antiques Night. Theatre. I'd Give
My Right Arm to Be in the
Ambrosious, by Michael
Bartlett. With Patrick Thompson
and John Gielgud.
8.45 The Hazy Hood Game - Phil
Smith joins in an ancient
contest.
9.05 Evening service.
10.05 Soundings. Religious and moral
matters.
11.00 The Now Show presents 'Wither
Informationism'. 12.00-12.15
News. Weather. 12.30 Shipping
Forecast. 12.45-1.00 The
Wales only. Radio 4 VHF is as
above, except: 5.55-6.00 am
Weather. Travel. 6.55-7.00 pm
Programme News. 8.55-9.05
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Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.30 News.
7.05 Aubade: Verdi's overture. Aida;
Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A,
K. 622; Donizetti's String Quartet
No 18 in A; Busoni's Chamber
Fantasy on Bizet's Carmen;
Gershwin's Strike Up the Band;
and Embraceable You (Aminul-
Haque).
8.05 The Paris Review. Includes Michael
Kennedy's guide to recordings of
Holst's The Planets.
10.15 Stereo Release: Gounod's St
Cecilia Mass

Radio 2

4.00am Chris Jones. 6.00 George
Ferguson. 8.05 David Jacobs. 11.00
Sound of the 80s. 11.00 Album Time.
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On long wave, 1 also VHF stereo.
5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing:
Weather. 8.10 Prudence. 8.30
News. 8.55 Shipping Forecast. 9.55
Weather. Travel.
7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15
Apna He Ghar Samajhaye. 7.45
Sunday. 8.00 News. 8.15 Sunday
Papers. 8.30 News. 8.45 Sunday
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9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter From America by Alistair
McIntyre.
9.30 Morning Service.
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11.15 Weekend.
12.00 The Day: Educating
Archer. (1).
12.30 The Food Programme with Derek
Cooper. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World This Weekend. News.
1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News. Gardener's Question
Time.
2.30 The Afternoon Play 'Survival' by
Dave Simpson. With Geoffrey
Banks (1).
3.45 In the Shadow of the Revolution.
How Dorothy Russell lived
through the Russian Revolution.
4.00 News. Talking About Antiques
with Arthur Nages, Bernard Price
and Hugh Scully.
4.30 The Living World.
5.00 News. Travel.
5.05 Down Your Way visits Stamford,
Lincolnshire.
6.00 News.
6.15 Feedback: Comments and
queries about the BBC.
6.30 Bookshop. With Hunter Davies.
7.00 Travel. The Great Impersonation
by E. Phillips Oppenheim (2):
Homecoming.
7.30 Once Upon a Bedtime. Dr Ruth

Radio 3

Glass of the Folklore Society
examines different versions of
the Red Riding Hood.
8.05 Lady in Action. With Joshua
Rosenberg.
8.30 Mad Dogs and Englishmen.
Clemens Lynch and John Owen
on unusual British sports.
9.00 News. Cousin Bazilio by Eca De
Queiroz, dramatized in five
episodes (2). 9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 The Other Man's Flowers. Portrait of
Lt-Col. 'Paddy' Blair Mayne.
10.30 The Cavalier. The decorated soldier
of the Second World War.
11.00 The Savage Pilgrimage. The road
to Roman Anticonia.
11.15 Debussy's Parliament. 10.00-12.15
News. Weather. 12.33 Shipping
Forecast. A VHF is as above except:
6.55-8.00 am Weather. Travel.
8.45-7.15 Open University. 1.55
am-2.00 Programme News. 4.00-
6.00 Study on 4.

Radio 2

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 English Chamber Orchestra:
Toselli's 'Pizzico' espousing
for solo and orchestra; Wagner's
Siegfried Idyll; Haydn's Violin
Concerto in A. (1) (V11a. 3) 1
10.00 The Cavalier: including Cantata
No 181; Lachitgesinte
Platenberg. 10.00 News.
9.05 Youth Chorus Chorus: 'Bart's The
Garden of Fand; Charubini's
String Quartet No 2 in C; Haydn's
Symphonic Ballad: The Treasures
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10.30 Music. Includes with Michael
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BBC 1

11.00-11.15am Rugby
Union. 1.15-1.30pm Sports
News. 1.35-1.45pm News.
Sport at 5.15-5.25pm.
11.20-11.30pm Sports News.
11.35-11.45pm News.
11.50-12.00pm Sports News.
12.05-12.15pm News.
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12.35-12.45pm News.
12.50-1.00pm Sports News.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain,
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Cartoon at 8.15; news at 8.30,
7.40 and 8.40; a discussion on
house plants at 8.35; sport at
7.10 and 7.50; cookery hints at
7.30. The guests include
Martin Woodroffe and Griff
Rays Jones

BBC 2

6.25 Open University (until 8.10).
3.10 Coetzee.
3.30 Micro Live, Ian McNaught-
Davis reports from the British
Telecom Research Laboratory
at Manchester Heath (1).

CHANNEL 4

1.05 Everybody Here. (1)
1.30 The Making of Britain. Part
five of the 12-programme series
examines the reasons why
Scotland was never
conquered by the English
during the Middle Ages

BBC 1

6.45 Open University (until 8.50).
8.55 The Plumps. (1) 9.10 de
Boer's Thinking Course. Part
two: Thinking and Other People
(1). 9.35 Electronic Office (1).
10.00 Asian Magazine includes a
visit to a meena bazaar, a
woman-only cafe, 10.30 Switch
on to English. Learning
English by watching popular
television programmes. 10.55
France Actualite. The first of
five documentaries on modern
France examines the Alpine
resort of Grenoble. 11.25
Sunday Worship from St
James's Church, Piccadilly

TV-am

6.55 Good Morning Britain begins
with a Thought For a Sunday.
7.22 Rugby Club (1) 8.00
News. 8.05 Cartoon. 8.30
Jonathan Dentley's news
review of the week and a re-
examination of the Yalta
treaty, plus Enoch Powell on
Mrs Thatcher's decade as
Conservative Party leader

BBC 2

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1.50 Horizon: Mystery of the Left
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Forgive, but do not forget - Walesa

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Solidarity union, yesterday urged the Jaruzelski Government to "draw the correct conclusions" from the Torun murder trial and to stop "illegal acts against citizens. Stop offending human dignity, repressing people because of their views and call a halt to propaganda terror."

The Nobel Peace laureate was expressing the views of many Poles as the nation digested the import of the trial of the four secret police officers who murdered Father Jerzy Popieluszko.

The first "gut" reaction was that the four should have received more severe sentences than the 14 to 25 years jail terms handed down on Thursday. "They should all have hanged," was a common reaction.

The problem is what course the Government chooses to follow, whether "Jaruzelski considers that the trial has gone far enough to appease public anger at the SB (secret police) or whether he will follow up with tight controls over police operations," as a historian put it.

Mr Walesa agreed: "There is a need for forgiveness, but there is also a need for results in the struggle against evil. If this doesn't happen, the change created by the trial will be missed."

The Church objects strongly to, but was not surprised by, the courtroom attacks on the Catholic Church. Father Popieluszko's brother, Stanislaw, said that "there was not one trial, but three - of the killers, of my brother and of the Church."

Czechoslovakia's first official comment yesterday criticized the attempt to misuse the whole case against Poland's socialist system (Richard Bassett writes).

The kidnapping and murder, the *River Press* insisted, was "an individual act with which the authorities have nothing to do."

The socialist state does not allow such methods, and they are absolute alien to it, the paper says.

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Violence erupts as Kim returns

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Mr Kim during the news conference after his return.

Hundreds of riot police were deployed on the route to the airport. Every junction was sealed off. Security men were every few feet inside the airport compound. The terminal was full of muscular young men in windbreakers and running shoes.

Most supporters of Mr Kim were prevented from getting into the airport. Two hours before his arrival there were more than 10,000 on the perimeter, facing rows of riot police.

The Government cut off all regular bus services to the airport, but it made no difference: people simply walked the 15 miles from the centre of Seoul. And for their trouble they were clubbed and tear-gassed by police in incident after incident of unprovoked violence. There were numerous arrests both near the airport and around Mr Kim's home.

The Government had given a commitment to both the American Government and to Mr Kim that his homecoming would be peaceful. In return, he promised not to stir up political unrest.

As stairway was linked with the aircraft after it arrived, passengers saw police shoulder-to-shoulder on the passage way, who immediately began pushing journalists who had come with Mr Kim.

The Congressmen and Mr Kim linked arms after they got off the plane and found themselves facing more than 70 police. An immigration officer asked Mr Kim if he would like to be treated as a VIP and

accompany them on a minibus without the Americans, or be treated as an ordinary citizen. He opted for the latter, so that he might stay with his American protectors and there was a violent argument.

Suddenly Mr Kim was grabbed and forced into a lift to take him to the waiting minibus. Mr Foglietta, Congressman Edward Feighan and Mr White were bodily thrown to the floor. Ms Derian screamed and the men shouted for a government official.

While the government radio announced that Mr Kim was already at home, he was taken on a circuitous route out of the airport.

Only an hour and a half later did he arrive at his house, where his secretary had been expelled, shoeless, into the street along with two cooks who had been preparing a welcoming lunch.

Later, Mr Kim made it clear the Government had no intention of allowing him any freedom of movement. There has been no change in his sentence and he may be returned to prison at any time.

WASHINGTON: The US has formally protested to South Korea and asked for an investigation (Mohsin Ali writes).

The State Department, in a lengthy statement, said the US had asked South Korea for guarantees of proper treatment of the Americans accompanying him. "We have received a promise of an investigation and assurances that the Korean government will assure the safety of the Americans."



Plainclothes policemen drag away a young dissident who had come to the airport to greet Mr Kim.

Ethiopians enforcing gunpoint settlement

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Commission estimates that around 10,000 camp dwellers have volunteered for resettlement. Relief workers estimate that the same number of people have fled the camp, which now has a population of 35,000, because of their fears of forced resettlement.

"They have gone back to their villages, where there is nothing, such as the fear," said one worker. "Because they know that there is nothing at home, some go alone and send their children to the Save the Children Fund resettlement centre having told them to claim they are orphans."

At Alomata, in the south, a town of cripples and old men, the young people regularly hide in the towering mountains nearby when they fear a resettlement push is imminent.

In Adida, a town, at the headquarters of one prominent relief agency, a coordinator told me: "The further north you go the more brutal the methods become. In the southern areas there are still some new people willing to volunteer. But in the north, those who were willing to go have long since gone. As a result, only a few genuine volunteers to fill the monthly quotas they become more and more blatant in the way they take people."

There is no doubt that the government did initially try to persuade camp dwellers to volunteer for the scheme. On December 31, a lorry arrives with a generator and a video machine with a film to show.

"The pictures were of lush meadows, fat cattle and tractors doing all the hard work in some paradisaical fields - the like of which does not exist in most of the areas these people are going to. It reminded me of how the Jews in the concentration camps were told they were going to a shower," said one aid official.

But methods like that did not persuade sufficient people to leave and more coercive techniques were employed.

For the last month there has been no general distribution of grain in Keren. Many of the emaciated peasants I spoke to told me they had had no food given them for a month or even six weeks.

Letter from Moscow One-horse races Soviet style

Mr Mikhail Gorbachev. President Chernenko's number two and the Kremlin's young rising star, has been put forward as a candidate in our district for the forthcoming local elections. More exactly, Mr Gorbachev is the only candidate. Foreigners, alas, do not have the right to vote for either the national or the local (republic) soviets. But even if they did, it is most unlikely that the personal figure of Mr Gorbachev or one of his election committee would appear on our doorstep with a sheaf of Communist Party leaflets to canvass our support.

The Communist Party candidate has no opposition: Mr Gorbachev is a shoe-in on February 24.

The main focus of interest is whether President Chernenko will be well enough to appear at the polling booth after an absence of a month and a half, or for that matter to make a speech as a candidate. Mr Chernenko, aged 73, is standing in the Kuibyshev district of Moscow, which he nominally represents in the national soviet - the Supreme Soviet - as well.

The soviets are organs of local and national government (the word simply means "council"), and have their origins in the democratic local bodies spontaneously thrown up by the 1905 and 1917 revolutions, when workers, peasants and soldiers elected their deputies in a direct vote in the barracks or on the factory floor, and had the right to recall them if necessary. But those days are a distant memory, and since the Bolshevik takeover in October, 1917 the soviets have been the instrument of the Communist Party, with all opposition suppressed.

Soviet elections can sometimes throw light on local problems, with "constituents" using formal election meetings to air grievances. But for most observers the political significance of the election process lies in the way candidates are nominated, which in turn provides clues to the standing of various Politburo members. Elections, in other words, become a branch of Kremlinology.

The workers listen in polite silence, applaud at intervals, and vote unanimously in favour.

Significantly, Mr Gorbachev, aged 53, was the third Politburo member to be featured at election meetings on television, confirming his position as the heir apparent.

Russians do not find it strange that they are not given a choice in elections - or at least if they do have reservations they keep them to themselves. The only way to cast out the name of the candidate, and because to do this you have to cross the floor of the polling station to a special booth, in full public view, not many take this bold step.

Officially the practice of one-candidate elections is a Soviet tradition rather than law, and is defended on the grounds that a contest between several candidates is only meaningful when they represent different parties and platforms. Since in Russia there is only one party, which "expresses the interests of the whole people," only one candidate is required. Simple.

The fact that the people have never had the opportunity to vote freely and thus put to the test the party's claim to speak for them is never mentioned, ironically, in a free election held here in the Kiev district this month there is a good chance that the personable Mr Gorbachev would still be elected - but the Kremlin is most unlikely to put that to the test either.

Richard Owen

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions
Architects A Uganda, Avenues of Parkside, Third E, Green, 354 Saundwell St, Glasgow, Tues to Sat

10 to 5.30 Sun 2 to 5.30 Tues March 2
Design Work 85, Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow, Wed to Sat 10 to 5 Sun 2 to 5 Tues March 11
The Underworld of Aldridge Haddock: recent paintings, 3 Sher

Colliers, Lindum Rd, Lincoln, Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2.30 to 5 Tues March 10
A Close Look at Lettering, and a Parade of Sussies chosen from the permanent collection, Tower Art Gallery, High St, Old Town, Eastbourne Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 Tues March 10

Anniversaries

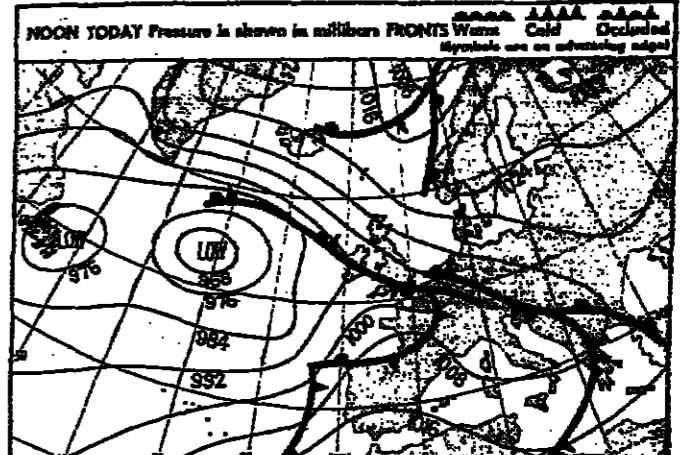
TODAY
Births: William Henry Harrison, 9th president of the USA March 1841-April 1841, Berkeley, Virginia, 173; Edward Carson, Baron Carson of Duncannon, lawyer and politician, Dublin, 1854; Mrs Patricia Campbell, actress, London, 1885; Amy Lowell, poet, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1874; Alan Berg, composer, Vienna, 1884.

In the garden

Bulls are now pushing through in beds and borders and if you have the time it is worth lightly loosening the soil around them. Take every opportunity of cleaning and forking over any beds or borders not dealt with earlier. Work in a slow acting organic fertilizer such as bonemeal (4oz to the square yard) or hoof and horn meal (2oz to the square yard).

Weather forecast

Frouths of low pressure over central and S districts will move slowly NE.



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MUSIC

Concert by the Peterborough Sings Orchestra, Corby Centre, 7.30
Concert by the Canterbury Cantata Choir, Canterbury Cathedral, 7.30
Concert by the David Price Duo, Old Millhouse Music Society, Sawbridge, Herts, 8
Concert by the Albemarle String Quartet, St George's Art Centre, Great Yarmouth, 7.30
Concert by the Preston Orpheus Choir, Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street, Fulwood, Preston, 7
Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30
Handel's *Messiah* by the Warwick University Chamber Choir, Arts Centre, Warwick University, Coventry, 8
Concert by Musica Antiqua Köln, Birmingham Cathedral, 7.30
Concert by the De Volharding Orchestra, Leadmill Theatre, Sheffield, 7.30
Collectors Record Fair, Portsmouth Guildhall, 10 to 4
Book Fair, King Charles Hall, Warwick, Tunbridge Wells, 10 to 5
Parade: Antiques and Collectors Fair, The Pavilion, Bath, 10 to 5
Book Fair, Victoria Rooms, Hull, 10 to 8, tomorrow 10 to 5

Roads

Wales and West: M5: Lane closures between junction 8 (A50) and 9 (A403) on Sunday. A50: Lane closures between junction 10 (A40) and 11 (A403) on Sunday. A40: Lane closures between junction 10 (A40) and 11 (A403) on Sunday. A403: Lane closures between junction 10 (A40) and 11 (A403) on Sunday.

Roads

The North A1: Major resurfacing work at Ferrybridge interchange east lane closed, 10.15 to 11.15. A1: Lane closures between junction 15 (M1) and junction 16 (A1) on Sunday. A1: Lane closures between junction 15 (M1) and junction 16 (A1) on Sunday.

High tides

Table of high tide times for various locations

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,657

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC9 9JT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

Grid for crossword puzzle 16,657

Tomorrow

Royal engagements
The Princess of Wales attends the National Jazz Centre's Gala Concert, London Palladium, 7.25
Prince and Princess Michael of Kent attend a dinner and cabaret at the Talk of London in aid of the Grand Order of Water Rats, 8
Concert by the Borodin String Quartet, New Hall, Winchester College, Culver Rd, 7.30
Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Sinfonietta, Winter Gardens, Bournemouth, 7.45
Recital by the Guildhall String Ensemble, Weymouth Grammar School, 8
Concert on old instruments, by Consortium Kimbolton Castle, Cambs, 7

The pound

Table of exchange rates for various currencies

Snow reports

Table of snow reports for various regions

Lighting-up time

Table of lighting-up times for various locations

Around Britain

Table of weather conditions around Britain

ACROSS

- Coloured statue for college given honour by Church? (10)
- Slight sign to player? (4)
- Crucible for dissolving drug? (7-3)
- Fulphit with classical arcades for two poets? (4)
- Alleged to be poet? (4)
- Irritability shown by Mrs Clare about faulty insect? (3)
- Communist change of position noted by astronomers during recession? (3,5)
- Silversmith with horse to sell? (6)
- Neat Foreign Office way to refer to movement? (6)
- Cliff road where legendary bird returns to natural setting? (8)
- Incidental information provided on motor? (9)
- Taken at the bar, it's better than the ordinary stuff? (4)
- Isolate of steroid legalized - in vain? (4)
- Did the cause hold-ups in Queen's Road? (10)
- Instrument Marx had no love for? (4)
- Is kind Gordon perhaps a printer by trade? (10)

DOWN

- Turned up married to a wildcat (4)
- Everyone backed outstanding nobleman, thought a heretic? (7)
- Teasing Hilda about her old literary pilgrim? (6,6)
- It's sound to cancel such a car at once? (5,3)
- Cultural revolutionary goes to Siam for a change? (6)
- Keen about opening of ballet - it's brilliant? (7)
- Utterly improper riddle in church? (4,6)
- There's a market for obscenity (12)
- Was Sinclair Lewis's character productive of quarrels? (10)
- Kind of tap for pump? (4-4)
- One of the strings is crooked? (7)
- Metal alloyed with copper in pipe used by Pacific Indians? (7)
- University at last taking a woman - unhandsonely? (6)
- Back in Nevada he's a knock-out? (4)

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